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Held in Columbia, S. C., commencing Thursday, December 13, 1860.

The Conference met at nine o'clock, in the Washington street Church, and, after religious services, conducted by Bishop Robert Payne, the Secretary of the previous Conference, called the Roll, and one hundred and sixteen members answered to their names.

F. A. Mood was re-elected Secretary; and Osgood A. Darby and F. Milton Kennedy, Assistants.

Nine o'clock, A. M., and half-past one o'clock, P. M., were fixed as the hours of meeting and adjournment.

The usual Committees for the session were appointed.

Conference continued its session during Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, following.

The sessions were daily opened with religious exercises.

After answering the usual Disciplinary Questions, and the reception of the Reports from the various literary and benevolent institutions connected with the Conference, and the other

usual business of the Conference had been transacted, the appointments of the Preachers for the ensuing year were announced, and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction from the Bishop.

ROBERT PAYNE, D. D., Bishop, Aberdeen, Miss.
F. A. MOOD, Secretary, Orangeburg, S. C.

QUESTION I. *Who are Admitted on Trial?*

John L. Sifley, Duncan J. McMellan, James H. Tart, James J. Workman, James P. De Pass, R. Benson Tarrant, William M. Wilson, John E. Penny, Henry J. Morgan, William A. Hodges, John L. Stondemier, J. F. Wilson, J. Wesley Raby, Jefferson Hoover, Samuel A. Roper, James D. Carpenter, Newton K. Melton, John A. Wood, J. H. C. McKenny.—19.

QUESTION II. *Who Remain on Trial?*

John L. Dixon, James B. Campbell, J. W. McRoy, James W. Coward, John Hutchinson, Algernon S. Link, Thomas J. Clyde, John W. Humbert, Andrew J. Stokes, Linsey C. Weaver, Girard W. Du Pre, Thomas W. Munnerlyn, Thomas H. Edwards, Peter L. Herman, Edgar T. R. Frippe.—15.

QUESTION III. *Who are Admitted into Full Connection?*

James C. Stoll, Oliver Eaddy, Chambers E. Land, Robert B. Allston, George H. Wells, John B. Massebeau, Thomas G. Herbert, Frederick Auld, William Bowman.—9.

QUESTION IV. *Who are Re-Admitted?*

John H. Zimmerman.

QUESTION V. *Who are received by Transfer from other Conferences?*

None.

QUESTION VI. *Who are the Deacons of one year?*

Henry D. Moore, Wesley W. Graham, Augustine W. Walker, William C. Power, Abram N. Wells, Augustus R. Bennick, John W. Abernathy, V. A. Sharp, Manning Brown.—9.

Question VII. *What Travelling Preachers are Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

J. C. Stoll, Oliver Eaddy, Chambers E. Land, Robert B. Allston, George H. Wells, John B. Massebeau, Thomas G. Herbert, Frederick Auld, William Bowman.—9.

Question VIII. *What Local Preachers are Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

L. N. Rast, H. H. Penny, E. C. Ragsdale, L. A. Whitlock.—4.

Question IX. *What Travelling Preachers are Elected and Ordained Elders?*

James M. Cline, W. J. E. Frippe, J. L. McGregor, F. M. Morgan, Evan A. Lemmond.—5.

Question X. *What Local Preachers are Elected and Ordained Elders?*

J. A. Hendrix, C. A. Plyler, Eben Hays, C. D. Rowell.—4.

Question XI. *Who have Located this year?*

G. W. Stokes, Jacky M. Bradley, A. J. Evans, W. B. Currie.—4.

Question XII. *Who are Supernumerary?*

S. B. Jones, Whilefoord Smith, A. P. Martin, J. W. North, W. C. Kirkland, A. W. Walker, H. C. Parsons, W. A. Hemingway, Samuel Townsend.—9.

Question XIII. *Who are Superannuated?*

Alexius M. Forster, Wm. C. Patterson, David Derrick, Hartwell Spain, Joel W. Townsend.—5.

Question XIV. *What Preachers have died during the past year?*

Rev. Henry Bass departed this life, May 13th, 1860. On Sabbath morning, just as the sun was rising, he was permitted to enter the temple above at the time he had been accustomed to arrange his thoughts and his heart for service in the temple below. He was born in Berlin, Connecticut, December 9th, 1786, the son of Daniel Bass, one of the daring patriots that threw the tea overboard. About the age of twenty-one, he came to Fayetteville, N. C., with the avowed object of bettering his temporal condition; it was here he became acquainted with the Methodists, and joined the church on

probation, in 1807. Soon after, being powerfully moved to preach the gospel, and conferring not with flesh and blood, he offered himself to the South Carolina Conference, and was admitted in the Town of Camden, December, 1811. His classmates have nearly all passed away, the only survivor in this Conference being the Rev. Nicholas Talley. Brother Bass was ordained Deacon by Bishop Asbury, in Fayetteville, Jan. 16th, 1814, and an Elder, by Bishop McKendree, in Charleston, Dec. 28th, 1815. He died in the forty-ninth year of his ministry, thirty-seven years having been spent in an effective relation to the Conference, and a few months more than eleven years in the relation of a superannuated preacher. Eighteen years he filled the office of Presiding Elder, and nineteen years were spent on circuits and stations.

He was always laborious, attentive and useful, never consulting his own ease or convenience. He abounded in good works, willing to spend and be spent for Christ. The disease of which he died (cancer) made its appearance in 1856, and gradually spread until his whole system became vitiated. For nearly six months before his death, he was confined to his bed almost entirely, and most of the time under the influence of anodynes; but, whenever awake, the subject of religion was first, and in his religious experience there was no confusion. He would often say, "How good the Lord is;" "I trust in God above all." In almost every instance when prayer was offered at his bedside, he seemed carried with the service, and his expressions of faith and holy joy presented a true spectacle of moral sublimity. Thus lived and died a guileless Christian minister. He is doubtless with God, and his works do follow him.

Hugh E. Ogburn was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial in 1838, and died in the District of Williamsburg, on the 19th January, 1860, in the forty-third year of his age. Sudden and frequent attacks of illness having disqualified him for continued and active service in the regular work, at his death he held the relation of a superannuated preacher. Before, and during this time, he labored with zeal and acceptability in winning souls to Christ. A good preacher, sound in doctrine, preaching often with the unction from on high. A short time before his death, he remarked that three things had been matters of special prayer: that he might die easily, die in his senses, and die happy. And now his prayer was answered. Bidding his wife and children meet him in heaven, he exhorted them to put their trust in God. To one of the preachers of the circuit he remarked, "Religion is good to live with; but it is good now." Thus, in holy triumph, our brother has passed away to the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

Charles F. Campbell was born in Marion District, South

Carolina, and was admitted on trial in this Conference at the last session, and was appointed to Blackville Circuit. He entered upon the duties of a travelling preacher with promptness, and was faithful according to his strength. He was amiable in his disposition, and was much loved by the people. But, having taken a severe cold, which resulted in serious indisposition, the Quarterly Conference, at the close of six months, gave him permission to go home; and, after lingering a few weeks in the midst of the kindness and affection of his family, he gently sunk into the arms of death. It is reported by those who were with him, that his faith stood firm in the final hour, and that he passed away sustained by the triumphant hope of a happy immortality.

Reddick Pierce was born in Halifax County, North Carolina, September 26, 1782. His father brought his family to South Carolina, and settled on Tinker Creek, in Barnwell District. Here his son was awakened to a sense of his danger, under the ministry of Rev. James Jenkins. In 1802, he was received into the church by Rev. Thomas Darley. He became a travelling preacher in 1805, and was appointed to the Little River Circuit, in the State of Georgia. He continued an effective travelling preacher, until 1812, at which time he located. He subsequently re-entered the Conference, and remained effective several years. His increasing deafness made it necessary for him to superannuate. In this relation to the Conference, he remained until death. Although he had no pastoral charge, his zeal for God was so intense he labored incessantly, and with marked ability; indeed, his mental force, his grasp of thought and logical skill, were surpassed by few, and his matured Christian experience imparted to his religious life commendable uniformity. Even after he became so deaf as to entirely prevent his hearing the preacher's voice, he would go to church regularly. When asked why he did so, replied, "I go to fill my place, as every good man ought." A few months prior to his death, he declined rapidly. His physicians could not detect the characteristics of any particular disease; but the energies of life yielded under the pressure of many years, until death came as a welcome messenger, and called him home. He died in peace, at the house of Jacob Stroman, Esq., his long tried and fast friend, July 24th, 1860. He sleeps in Jesus, and his reward is on high.

Question XV. *Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*

The life and administration of each one was carefully inquired into, and approved by the Conference.

Question XVI. *What is the number of Preachers and Members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions, of the Conference?*

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

DISTRICTS, CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	Local Preachers	White Members	White Probationers	Colored Members	Colored Probationers	Amount raised for Missions	Amount raised for Sunday Schools	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	White Scholars	Colored Scholars	Volumes in Library	Visitors Taken	Amount raised for Conference Collection	Amount raised for Bishop's Fund	Number of Churches	Number of Parsonages	Value of Church Property.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT:																		
Trinity	1	230	3	1603	259	$500 00	$75 00	1	22	192	....	$50	130	$132 50	$17 50	1	..	$50,000
Cumberland	..	143	2	1251	108	203 36	117 38	2	46	110	125	740	50	79 00	11 00	1	..	.....
Bethel	3	190	12	1235	322	103 00	72 85	2	27	111	112	880	....	130 00	15 00	2	1	30,000
Spring Street	3	159	7	234	58	10 00	80 00	1	19	130	....	600	100	50 00	7 81	1	..	16,000
City Mission—Reported with Trinity	..	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	..	..	.....
St. Andrew's Mission	..	....	....	160	87	.....	.....	..	....	....	50	....	....	.....	.....	..	..	.....
Walterboro' Circuit	5	706	99	485	140	501 90	.....	12	59	270	83	315	....	100 00	14 00	21	1	.....
St. George's and St. Paul's Mission,	..	43	8	81	76	150 00	.....	..	....	....	37	....	30	.....	.....	2	..	.....
Pon Pon Mission	..	....	....	600	12	435 00	.....	..	....	....	200	....	....	.....	.....	4	1	.....
Ashepoo Mission	..	....	....	207	45	440 00	.....	..	....	....	193	....	....	.....	.....	..	..	.....
Combahee Mission	..	....	....	509	42	880 00	.....	..	....	....	270	....	....	.....	.....	3	1	.....
Bamberg Circuit	3	186	19	259	50	80 00	.....	4	14	76	70	....	....	80 00	10 00	6	1	6,000
Allendale Circuit	..	150	10	302	30	171 75	.....	3	16	75	120	350	....	90 00	8 00	4	1	5,000
Black Swamp Circuit	1	190	10	571	25	370 00	20 00	1	6	12	250	500	50	165 00	17 00	11	1	15,000
Prince William's Mission	..	2	....	206	19	90 00	.....	..	....	....	200	....	....	.....	.....	1	1	1,000
Savannah River Mission	..	....	....	592	....	.....	.....	..	....	....	225	....	....	.....	.....	4	1	3,000
Bluffton Mission	1	35	4	181	40	725 00	.....	1	5	30	400	....	....	30 00	.....	2	..	2,000
Beaufort Mission	..	10	....	147	16	290 00	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	1	..	1,200
Edisto and Jehossee Mission	..	....	....	518	207	250 00	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	1	1	2,000
	17	2044	174	9141	1536	$5,200 01	$365 23	27	214	1006	2335	4235	360	$856 50	$100 31	65	10	$131,200

ORANGEBURG DISTRICT.

DISTRICTS, CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	Local Preachers.....	White Members.....	White Probationers.....	Colored Members.....	Colored Probationers.....	Amount raised for Missions.	Amount raised for Sunday Schools.....	Sunday Schools.....	Officers and Teachers.....	White Scholars.....	Colored Scholars.....	Volumes in Library.....	Visitors Taken.....	Amount raised for Conference Collection.....	Amount raised for Bishop's Fund.....	Number of Churches.....	Number of Parsonages.....	Value of Church Property.
ORANGEBURG DISTRICT:																		
Orangeburg Circuit.....	7	752	63	754	119	136 00	200 00	15	110	360	.....	1000	35	155 00	10 00	18	1	15,000
St. Matthew's Mission...	...	3	.....	68	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Cypress Circuit.....	4	729	54	718	68	500 00	15 00	8	41	211	.....	428	.....	100 00	20 00	14	1	.....
Cooper River Circuit.....	8	446	95	583	59	105 00	.....	3	15	45	.....	.....	.....	70 00	10 00	18	1	2,500
Cooper River Mission.....	...	.....	.....	677	108	690 00	.....	...	.....	.....	443	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	...	500
Black River Mission*....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
St. James', G. C'k Mis....	...	.....	.....	94	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	...	
St. George's Circuit.....	4	604	25	409	25	128 93	12 00	8	52	200	20	505	19	80 33	15 00	10	1	4,300
Blackville Circuit.....	5	492	53	481	24	214 15	30 75	7	41	183	12	270	6	67 54	.....	13	1	
Barnwell Circuit.....	1	167	27	191	11	105 00	6 00	3	14	81	.....	223	.....	40 00	10 00	9	...	
Aiken & Graniteville Mis.	2	94	7	115	15	238 46	53 00	2	13	85	.....	550	50	16 50	2 00	2	1	7,000
Lexington Circuit.....	4	506	67	472	66	100 00	.....	5	39	250	.....	497	80	50 00	10 00	18	1	3,000
	35	3793	391	4562	495	2217 54	316 75	51	325	1415	532	3473	190	579 37	77 00	106	7	31,300

*Reported with Cypress Circuit.

MARION DISTRICT.

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MARION DISTRICT:																		
Marion Circuit	13	848	152	452	120	$216 65	$70 00	16	74	453	....	1107	....	$100 00	$12 50	20	1	$14,500
Marion Station	3	125	22	197	49	189 25	25 00	1	10	70	45	350	30	60 00	10 50	1	1	7,000
Georgetown	1	167	21	864	74	323 00	40 00	2	17	120	60	500	....	85 00	10 00	1	1	.....
Santee Mission	..	25	3	756	35	413 12	.....	..	....	....	330	....	....	.....	.....	....	..	.....
Black River and Pee Dee Mission	..	96	40	765	156	453 00	.....	1	6	45	575	....	....	.....	.....	9	1	5,000
Sampit Mission	..	....	....	156	17	.....	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	..	.....
Waccamaw Mission	..	35	3	660	224	759 50	.....	..	....	....	247	....	....	.....	.....	3	1	5,000
Conwayboro' Circuit	11	863	81	255	106	209 00	17 00	5	32	146	....	895	....	31 00	9 00	23	1	4,535
Darlington Station	1	78	17	272	64	226 55	17 50	1	11	56	15	378	40	53 50	12 50	1	..	3,000
Lynchburgh Circuit	3	408	131	328	179	210 00	83 00	10	75	436	80	273	24	50 00	10 00	11	1	3,500
Brownesville Circuit	7	414	61	207	27	171 00	.....	4	24	130	....	400	....	60 00	10 00	5	..	5,200
Williamsburg Circuit	4	597	84	1110	157	375 50	30 00	9	46	271	....	1371	43	73 50	12 50	14	1	14,675
Lynch's Creek Circuit	3	274	47	160	84	13 00	.....	6	36	175	50	200	....	7 50	7 50	7	1	.....
Darlington Circuit	8	718	123	420	118	216 00	.....	11	95	480	....	1906	....	81 75	12 50	14	1	9,099
Liberty Chapel Mission	..	48	5	289	19	223 00	19 00	2	7	66	210	350	15	.....	.....	2	..	5,000
	54	4696	790	6891	1429	$3998 57	$301 50	68	433	2452	1612	7730	152	$602 25	$107 00	111	10	$71,509

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

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COLUMBIA DISTRICT:																		
Columbia—Washington Street	3	301	27	599	144	138 50	$76 00	2	27	174	100	1000	100	$160 00	$15 00	2	1	$20,000
" Marion Street	2	120	22	78	6	220 00	73 16	2	19	175	....	1000	90	75 00	5 00	1	..	5,000
" Medium Street	..	13	17	....	....	.....	.....	1	20	115	....	150	75	.....	.....	1	..	400
Congaree Mission	..	13	....	393	33	417 00	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	2	..	.....
Fairfield Circuit	3	360	41	850	40	200 00	.....	6	48	200	200	800	50	70 00	15 00	8	1	6,000
Sandy River Mission	..	42	8	113	24	120 00	5 00	1	4	12	20	....	....	10 00	.....	2	..	800
Chester Circuit	..	226	65	177	4	117 40	40 00	4	14	100	30	350	100	50 00	5 00	4	1	5.000
Rocky Mount Circuit	1	287	94	689	275	176 13	.....	4	22	170	20	425	....	75 00	12 75	6	..	7,000
Richland Circuit	..	375	25	300	20	20 00	15 00	7	25	250	25	....	....	30 55	5 00	9	..	3,000
Richland Fork Mission	..	115	11	241	95	424 50	.....	3	16	43	43	125	....	23 55	.....	6	..	1,500
Camden	..	118	13	327	84	263 10	40 00	2	23	55	48	800	50	67 50	7 50	1	1	6,000
Wateree Mission	..	45	8	1117	110	592 00	.....	..	....	....	575	....	....	.....	.....	8	1	3,000
Sumter Station	3	182	6	659	35	72 00	.....	2	12	70	65	190	54	50 00	6 00	1	1	6,000
Sumter Circuit	7	771	167	1221	246	217 00	100 00	9	65	391	...	550	26	141 00	15 00	14	1	18,000
Santee Circuit	5	390	10	800	20	122 00	.....	5	30	200	195	175	50	61 33	10 00	10	1	12,000
Upper Santee Mission	..	56	....	795	75	371 65	.....	..	....	....	350	....	....	.....	.....	8	..	.....
	24	3414	514	8359	1211	$3,471 28	$349 16	48	325	1955	1671	5565	595	$819 93	$96 25	83	8	$74,900

COKESBURY DISTRICT.

DISTRICTS, CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	Local Preachers	White Members	White Probationers	Colored Members	Colored Probationers	Amount raised for Missions.	Amount raised for Sunday Schools	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	White Scholars	Colored Scholars	Volumes of Library	Visitors Taken	Amount raised for Conference Collection	Amount raised for Bishop's Fund	Number of Churches	Number of Parsonages	Value of Church Property.
COKESBURY DISTRICT:																		
Cokesbury Circuit	1	416	36	670	85	$274 36	$20 00	4	30	140	..	1500	....	$127 00	$10 00	12	2	$6,300
Laurens Circuit	4	731	103	424	69	134 90	.....	10	63	365	..	.....	....	90 00	10 00	16	1	12,000
Newberry Station	..	79	4	313	25	63 50	20 00	2	14	57	45	200	25	25 00	1 00	1	1	2,500
Newberry Circuit	4	629	172	1129	150	304 80	45 40	8	52	292	..	560	73	126 60	15 10	17	1	12,000
Saluda River Mission	..	18	16	48	77	141 30	.....	1	6	30	..	100	....	.....	.....	1	..	500
Ninety-Six Circuit	1	194	30	510	52	220 50	.....	1	8	40	..	100	15	43 15	12 00	7	..	6,800
Rocky Pond Mission	..	138	100	62	39	150 00	30 00	2	12	100	..	100	....	25 00	.....	3	..	1,000
Butler Circuit	4	304	8	273	41	159 52	2 00	7	29	157	..	232	....	30 00	.....	8	1	4,500
Edgefield Circuit	2	270	25	120	10	60 00	8 00	3	15	130	..	....	20	50 00	12 00	5	1	8,400
Abbeville Circuit	2	697	21	1329	52	309 30	25 00	5	38	218	40	725	....	100 00	12 00	11	1	10,500
Anderson Circuit	4	324	107	115	113	150 00	.....	7	24	206	..	150	25	25 00	5 00	7	1	4,000
Pendleton Circuit	3	384	92	284	130	13 00	45 00	9	53	322	..	880	....	20 00	3 00	7	..	3,000
Pickens Circuit	4	400	26	38	....	35 50	2 00	6	30	250	..	350	5	11 35	1 00	8	..	1,200
Williamston Circuit	..	177	12	80	4	62 40	.....	5	48	286	..	326	....	6 30	1 00	4	..	1,500
	29	4761	752	5395	847	$2079 08	$197 40	70	422	2593	85	5223	163	$679 40	$82 10	107	9	$75,200

WADESBORO' DISTRICT.

DISTRICTS, CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	Local Preachers	White Members	White Probationers	Colored Members	Colored Probationers	Amount raised for Missions	Amount raised for Sunday Schools	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	White Scholars	Colored Scholars	Volumes in Library	Visitors Taken	Amount raised for Conference Collection	Amount of Bishop's Fund.	Number of Churches	Number of Parsonages	Value of Church Property.
WADESBORO' DISTRICT:																		
Wadesboro' Station	..	131	20	80	65	$74 00	$41 55	1	22	85	....	450	....	$42 00	$4 00	1	..	$400
Wadesboro' Circuit	3	487	130	366	175	205 00	40 00	9	60	330	.....	300	40	50 00	6 00	12	1	3,000
Ansonville Circuit	4	394	74	192	26	116 00	35 55	9	70	423	50	624	....	40 00	4 00	9	..	5,000
Albemarle Circuit	3	696	32	109	5	40 00	105 00	12	57	476	....	2000	40	19 20	4 00	12	1	4,000
Concord Circuit	1	603	64	326	39	133 75	14 00	11	77	394	....	1465	38	38 05	4 00	10	1	7,700
Rocky River Mission		105	19	15	5	50 00	10 50	3	17	72	....	175	....	5 00	.....	2	..	650
Monroe Circuit	5	950	350	308	60	134 00	.....	9	50	290	....	1200	....	25 00	6 00	22	1	.....
Lancaster Circuit	..	389	70	318	87	86 00	29 00	6	36	231	....	1440	32	60 00	6 00	5	1	16,500
Catawba Mission	..	40	....	449	124	570 00	.....	1	7	30	....	....	....	.....	.....	4	..	1,200
Chesterfield Circuit	4	670	296	373	259	105 00	.....	5	35	200	....	668	....	22 20	.....	14	1	4,812
Chesterfield Mission*	..	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	..	..	.....
Cheraw	1	107	3	187	7	171 25	37 00	2	15	70	37	550	....	75 00	5 00	1	..	5,500
Bennettsville Circuit	4	1059	139	637	44	650 00	.....	13	74	302	50	590	....	125 00	7 00	15	1	10,000
Society Hill Mission	..	5	4	207	86	447 50	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	1 00	.....	1	1	600
	25	5636	1201	3567	982	$2732 50	$312 60	83	590	2703	137	9462	150	$502 45	$46 00	108	8	$59,362

* Reported with Chesterfield Circuit.

LINCOLNTON DISTRICT.

DISTRICTS, CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	Local Preachers	White Members	White Probationers	Colored Members	Colored Probationers	Amount raised for Missions	Amount raised for Sunday Schools	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	White Scholars	Colored Scholars	Volumes in Library	Visitors Taken	Amount raised for Conference Collection	Amount raised for Bishop's Fund	Number of Churches	Number of Parsonages	Value of Church Property.
LINCOLNTON DISTRICT:																		
Lincolnton Circuit	3	622	80	331	44	$90 25	.....	6	45	250	....	1300	25	$29 00	$6 25	12	1	$9,000
Dallas Circuit	1	319	30	107	37	20 00	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	2 00	.....	9	..	300
Pineville Circuit	..	234	35	161	23	81 20	$40 00	4	28	142	....	218	....	25 00	2 00	3	1	5,000
Charlotte Station	..	130	5	160	21	47 20	33 00	1	17	80	....	400	40	35 00	7 00	1	1	10,500
Charlotte Circuit	1	689	26	278	12	51 55	.....	5	14	113	....	378	....	38 25	6 00	13	1	2,500
Catawba Circuit	4	1120	60	170	10	118 08	8 00	12	87	470	....	945	....	14 30	6 00	21	1	4,000
South Mountain Mission	1	250	25	30	3	24 30	.....	2	8	40	....	....	....	.....	.....	15	..	500
Lenoir Circuit	4	582	96	138	18	72 25	39 00	11	74	405	....	580	25	28 45	5 00	13	1	2,500
John's River Mission*	..	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	..	..	.....
Morganton Circuit	3	583	75	390	50	54 00	30 00	10	50	250	....	285	....	.....	5 00	12	1	2,000
Shelby Circuit	4	614	35	103	16	.....	17 35	9	78	445	....	1030	16	35 00	10 00	9	1	5,000
Yorkville	1	114	6	168	....	25 00	30 00	1	18	116	....	400	56	11 00	5 00	2	..	1,000
Rock Hill Circuit	2	432	21	446	9	53 50	.....	4	19	140	....	225	51	34 46	4 00	9	1	5,200
	24	5709	494	2482	243	$637 33	$197 35	65	438	2451	....	5761	213	$252 46	$56 25	109	9	$47,500

* Reported with Lenoir Circuit.

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.

DISTRICTS, CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	Local Preachers	White Members	White Probationers	Colored Members	Colored Probationers	Amount raised for Missions.	Amount raised for Sunday Schools	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	White Scholars	Colored Scholars	Volumes in Library	Visitors Taken	Amount raised for Conference Collection	Amount raised for Bishop's Fund	Number of Churches	Number of Parsonages	Value of Church Property.
SPARTANBURG DISTRICT:																		
Spartanburg Station	4	260	16	105	11	$200 00	$75 00	4	43	274	50	1000	150	$90 00	$6 50	1	1	$7,000
Spartanburg Circuit	4	681	111	145	26	10 00	.....	7	67	287	....	355	13	14 75	5 50	19	1	6,975
Broad River Mission	..	13	....	....	....	10 40	.....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	1	..	50
Rutherford Circuit	3	697	93	315	48	112 25	30 00	15	79	600	....	700	75	50 00	4 75	17	1	6,000
McDowell Circuit	2	329	32	134	19	39 00	.....	3	17	92	....	141	10	6 00	4 00	11	..	5,000
Columbus Mission	..	131	40	36	15	76 20	.....	4	14	50	....	....	....	5 15	.....	7	..	650
Pickensville Circuit	3	414	86	70	36	52 35	50 30	7	80	345	....	817	....	23 50	5 50	10	..	2,150
Keowee Mission	..	142	16	2	2	42 90	.....	5	28	133	....	250	....	.....	.....	7	..	.....
Greenville Station	1	117	35	296	69	.....	60 00	3	30	230	....	1505	60	31 50	4 25	2	..	2,500
Greenville Circuit	3	600	579	129	203	106 50	.....	8	60	215	....	....	24	25 00	4 75	16	1	8,000
Union Circuit	2	564	194	325	57	103 00	26 00	8	38	250	12	500	....	125 00	6 50	17	1	20,000
Goshen Hill Circuit	..	260	27	378	50	110 00	....	2	10	80	....	100	....	54 00	4 25	6	..	5,000
Pacolet Circuit	..	90	39	137	26	22 10	101 95	3	20	82	82	750	25	25 00	4 25	6	..	6,700
	22	4298	1268	2072	562	$874 70	$343 25	69	486	2638	144	6118	357	$399 90	$50 05	120	5	$52,025

RECAPITULATION.

NAMES OF THE DISTRICTS.	Local Preachers	White Members	White Probationers	Colored Members	Colored Probationers	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	White Scholars	Colored Scholars	Volumes in Library	Number of Churches	Number of Parsonages	Value of Church Property
Charleston District	17	2,044	174	9,141	1536	27	214	1,006	2335	4,235	65	10	$131,200
Orangeburg District	35	3,793	391	4,562	495	51	325	1,415	532	3,473	106	7	31,300
Marion District	54	4,696	790	6,891	1429	68	433	2,452	1612	7,730	111	10	71,509
Columbia District	24	3,414	514	8,359	1211	48	325	1,955	1671	5,565	83	8	74,900
Cokesbury District	29	4,761	752	5,395	847	70	422	2,593	85	5,223	107	9	75,200
Wadesboro' District	25	5,636	1201	3,567	982	83	590	2,703	137	9,462	108	8	59,362
Lincolnton District	24	5,709	494	2,482	243	65	438	2,451	.....	5,761	109	9	47,500
Spartanburg District	22	4,298	1268	2,072	562	69	486	2,638	144	6,118	120	5	52,025
Total this year	230	34,351	5584	42,469	7305	481	3233	17,213	6516	47,567	809	66	$542,998
Total last year	230	33,298	4996	41,247	7336	440	2769	15,994	8966	40,762	784	69	532,817
Increase	.....	1,053	588	1,222	.....	41	464	1,219	.....	6,805	25	...	$10,181
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	.....	.....	.....	2450	.....	.....	3	.....

QUESTION XVII. *What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance, in their respective Districts, Circuits, and Stations?*

Whole amount, including Bishop's claim, $8,830.

QUESTION XVIII. *What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?*

$5,381 73; and divided among thirty-four claimants, according to discipline.

QUESTION XIX. *What has been Contributed for the Missionary and Sunday School Societies?*

For Missions, $24,380 60. For Sunday Schools, $2,532 34.

QUESTION XX. *Where and when shall the next Session of the Conference be held?*

Chester, S. C.; the time to be fixed by the Bishops.

QUESTION XXI. *Where are the Preachers stationed this year?*

DISTRICTS, CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	POST OFFICES.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.	Wm. P. Mouzon, P. E.	Charleston, S. C.
Charleston:		
Cumberland Street	John A. Porter	" "
Trinity	T. R. Walsh	" "
Bethel	Wm. H. Fleming	" "
Spring Street and City Mission	J. W. Miller	" "
St. Andrew's Miss	W. A. Hemingway, sup To be supplied	Danner's Cross R.
Walterboro' Circuit	John D. W. Crook	Walterboro', S. C.
	John Penny	" "
St. George's and St. Paul's Mission	Abram Nettles	Summerville, S. C.
Pon Pon Mission	Peyton G. Bowman	Adams' Run, "
Ashepoo Mission	James W. Coward	Ashepoo Ferry, "
Combahee Mission	Martin L. Banks	Blue House, "
	J. A. Wood	" "
Bamberg Circuit	Wm. Crook	Bamberg, "
Allendale Circuit	Lewis M. Hamer	Allendale, "

Districts, Circuits, Stations and Missions.	Names of Preachers.	Post Offices.
Black Swamp Cir...	John W. Kelly.....	Brighton, S. C.
	Frederick Auld.....	" "
Prince William's M.	Wm. W. Mood.....	Salkehatchie, "
Savannah River M..	John R. Coburn.....	Hardeeville, "
	John W. McRoy.....	" "
Bluffton Mission.....	Samuel Leard.....	Bluffton, "
	N. K. Melton	" "
Beaufort Mission....	Israel P. Hughes.....	Beaufort, "
Edisto & Jehossee M.	Charles Wilson.....	Edisto, "
Missionary to China...	Benjamin Jenkins.....	Shanghai, China.
ORANGEBURG DISTRICT.	F. A. Mood, P. E.....	Orangeburg, S. C.
Orangeburg Circuit.	Alex. B. Stevens.....	" "
	R. B. Tarrant.....	" "
St. Matthew's Miss..	To be supplied.....	
Cypress Circuit.....	D. W. Seale.....	Holly Hill, "
Summerville Miss...	C. McLeod.....	Summerville, "
Cooper River Cir....	A. N. Wells.....	Pineville, "
Cooper River and Middle St. John's Mission.....	Geo. W. Moore and J. Lee Dixon.....	Charleston, "
St. James', Goose Creek, Mission....	To be supplied.....	
St. George's Circuit...	Wm. Hutto.....	St. George's, S. C.
Blackville Circuit...	Wm. G. Connor.....	Blackville, "
Edisto Fork Mission	E. A. Price.....	
Barnwell Circuit.....	W. W. Graham.....	Barnwell, "
Aiken Mission.....	E. F. Thwing.....	Aiken, "
Graniteville Mission	M. A. McKibben.....	Graniteville, "
Lexington Circuit.....	E. J. Pennington.....	Columbia, "
	J. B. Massebeau	
MARION DISTRICT.....	A. M. Chrietzberg, P.E.	Marion, "
Marion.....	Thomas Mitchell.....	" "
Marion Circuit.....	J. W. Murray.....	" "
	One to be supplied.....	
Georgetown.....	C. H. Pritchard.....	Georgetown, "
Santee Mission.....	John Finger.....	" "
	J. H. Tart.....	" "
Black River and Pee Dee Mission.....	Abner Ervin.....	" "
	C. E. Land.....	" "
Sampit Mission.....	J. A. Mood	" "
Waccamaw Mission.	Charles Betts.....	" "
	D. J. McMillan.....	" "

Districts, Circuits, Stations and Missions.	Names of Preachers.	Post Offices.
Conwayboro' Cir....	George H. Wells.....	
Conwayboro' Miss...	A. S. Link.....	
All Saints Circuit...	William Bowman.....	
Darlington.....	D. J. Simmons.....	Darlington, S. C.
Lynchburg Circuit.....	M. A. Connelly.....	Lynchburg, "
Brownesville Circuit...	W. L. Pegues.....	Little Rock, "
Williamsburg Circuit..	L. M. Little.....	Kingstree, "
	J. C. Stoll.....	" "
Darlington Circuit..	P. F. Kistler.....	Darlington, "
	J. D. Carpenter.....	" "
Liberty Chapel Mission and Lynch's Creek Circuit.....	J. B. Campbell and Oliver Eaddy.....	Mars Bluff, " Florence, "
COLUMBIA DISTRICT.....	R. J. Boyd, P. E.....	Columbia, "
Columbia :		
Washington Street..	W. A. Gamewell.....	" "
	S. Townsend, sup.....	" "
Medium Street Miss	M. Brown.....	" "
Congaree Mission...	N. Talley.....	" "
Marion Street.....	J. W. Humbert.....	Columbia, S. C.
Fairfield Circuit.....	J. W. Puett.....	Brown's P. O., "
	J. J. Workman	
Sandy River Mission..	W. S. Haltom.....	
Chester Circuit.....	A. G. Stacy.....	Chester, "
Rocky Mt. Circuit.....	A. J. Cauthen.....	
	E. T. R. Frippe.....	
Richland Circuit.....	Wm. A. Clark.....	Columbia, "
Richland Fork Miss.	J. L. McGregor.....	Wateree P. O., "
Camden	E. J. Meynardie.....	Camden, "
Wateree Mission.....	J. L. Shuford.....	" "
	W. M. Wilson.....	" "
Sumter	R. P. Franks.....	Sumter, "
Sumter Circuit.....	A. L. Smith.....	" "
	W. A. Hodges	" "
Santee Circuit.....	M. Puckett.....	Friendship P.O. "
Upper Santee Mission	D. D. Byars.....	" "
	T. W. Munnerlyn.....	" "
Manning Circuit.....	H. D. Moore.....	Manning, "
Sunday School Sec'y..	Charles Taylor.....	Columbia, "
Pres't Col. Fem. Col...	Wm. Martin.....	" "

Districts, Circuits, Stations and Missions.	Names of Preachers.	Post Offices.
COKESBURY DISTRICT...	W. A. McSwain, P. E.	Cokesbury, S. C.
Cokesbury Circuit.....	W. H. Lawton.....	" "
	A. B. McGilvray.....	
	S. B. Jones, sup.....	" "
Laurens Circuit.....	J. T. Kilgo.....	Laurens, "
	J. L. Stoudemire.....	" "
	A. P. Martin, sup.....	" "
Newberry	Bond English.....	Newberry, "
Newberry Circuit.....	J. W. Wightman.....	" "
	One to be supplied.....	
Saluda River Mission.	To be supplied.....	
Ninety-six Circuit...	J. M. Carlisle.....	Ninety-six, "
Rocky Pond Mission	G. W. M. Creighton...	" "
	One to be supplied.....	
Butler Circuit.....	J. R. Pickett.....	Oakland, "
Edgefield Circuit.....	J. S. Connor.....	Edgefield, "
Abbeville Circuit.....	Thomas Raysor.....	Abbeville, "
	H. J. Morgan.....	" "
Anderson Circuit.....	T. G. Herbert.....	Anderson, "
Pendleton Circuit.....	V. A. Sharpe.....	Pendleton, "
Pickens Circuit.....	F. M. Morgan.....	Pickens, "
Williamston Circuit...	J. L. Sifley.....	Grove Station, S.C.
WADESBORO' DISTRICT..	S. H. Browne, P. E....	Wadesboro', N. C.
Wadesboro'.....	L. A. Johnson.....	" "
	H. C. Parsons, sup.....	" "
Wadesboro' Circuit....	S. Jones.....	" "
	J. Hutchinson.....	" "
Ansonville Circuit.....	Augustine W. Walker	Ansonville, "
Agt. Car. Fem. Coll...	W. C. Power.....	" "
Albemarle Circuit.....	J. M. Cline.....	Albemarle, "
Concord.....	E. W. Thompson.....	Concord, "
	P. L. Herman.....	" "
Rocky River Miss...	O. A. Chrietzberg.....	" "
Monroe Circuit.....	B. G. Jones.....	Monroe, "
	G. W. Du Pre.....	" "
Lancaster Circuit...	Landy Wood.....	Lancasterville.
Catawba River Miss	A. H. Harmon.....	Hanging Rock.
	One to be supplied.....	
Chesterfield Circuit	L. Scarboro.....	Chesterfield, S. C.
and Mission.....	J. F. Wilson.....	" "
Cheraw.....	W. S. Black.....	Cheraw, "
Bennettsville Circuit..	R. R. Pegues.....	Bennettsville, "
	R. B. Alston.....	" "

Districts, Circuits, Stations and Missions.	Names of Preachers.	Post Offices.
Society Hill Mission...	D. A. Ogburn	Society Hill, S. C.
LINCOLNTON DISTRICT..	J. T. Wightman, P. E.	Shelby, N. C.
Lincolnton Circuit.....	George W. Ivey.....	Lincolnton, "
	J. Hoover.....	" "
Dallas Circuit.....	T. H. Edwards.....	Dallas, "
Pineville Circuit.....	A. McCorquodale	Pineville, "
Charlotte.....	F. M. Kennedy.....	Charlotte, "
Charlotte Circuit.....	W. W. Jones	" "
	J. W. Abernathy.....	
Catawba Circuit.....	W. Carson.....	Newton, "
	J. H. C. McKenny.....	" "
Principal of Rutherford Academy.....	R. L. Abernathy..	
Rich Mountain Miss	A. P. Avant.....	Morganton, "
Lenoir Circuit and Caldwell Mission....	J. Watts, J. W. Raby.	Lenoir, "
Morganton Circuit.....	W. J. E. Frippe	Morganton, "
Shelby Circuit.....	J. S. Nelson.....	Shelby, "
Yorkville.....	L. C. Weaver.....	Yorkville, S. C.
Rock Hill Circuit.....	Daniel May.....	Rock Hill, "
	S. A. Roper.....	
	J. W. North, sup.....	
Davenport Female College.....	H. M. Mood, Pres.....	Lenoir, N. C.
SPARTANBURG DISTRICT	H. A. C. Walker, P. E.	Spartanburg, S. C.
Spartanburg	James Stacy.....	" "
	W. C. Kirkland, sup...	" "
Broad River Mission...	Jos. Parker.....	" "
Spartanburg Circuit...	A. J. Stokes.....	" "
	Alex. W. Walker, sup.	" "
Rutherford Circuit..	J. S. Ervine.....	Rutherford, N. C.
Hickory Nut Gap M.	A. R. Bennick.....	
McDowell Circuit.....	M. Eaddy.....	McDowell, "
Columbus Circuit.....	T. J. Clyde	
Pickensville Circuit	T. S. Daniel.....	Pickensville, S. C.
Keowee Mission.....	To be supplied.....	
Greenville.....	S. J. Hill.....	Greenville, "
Greenville Circuit.....	A. H. Lester	" "
	E. A. Lemmond.....	" "
Union Circuit.....	J. H. Zimmerman.....	Union, "
	J. P. De Pass.....	" "
	C. Murchison, sup.....	" "

Districts, Circuits, Stations and Missions.	Names of Preachers.	Post Offices.
Goshen Hill Circuit...	J. W. Crider.....	Goshen Hill, S. C.
Pacolet Circuit.....	O. A. Darby.....	LimestoneSprings
Wofford College.....	A. M. Shipp, Pres.....	Spartanburg, S. C.
	Whitefoord Smith, Pro	" "
	H. H. Durant, Agent.	" "

A. M. Shipp, D.D., was appointed to preach the Annual Sermon before the Junior Preachers of the Conference. Bond English, alternate.

CONFERENCE

Institutions, Resolutions, Committees, Etc.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

AUXILIARY TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be denominated "The Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference, Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to assist the Parent Society to extend its Missionary labors in the United States and elsewhere.

ART. III. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, two Vice Presidents, a Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and nine Managers, who shall be annually elected by the Society, all of whom shall be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. IV. At all meetings of the Board of Managers, it shall require five members to form a quorum.

ART. V. The Board shall have authority to make By-Laws for regulating its own proceedings; and shall annually submit a report of its transactions and funds to the Society; and shall inform the Conference of the state of its funds.

ART. VI. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Society, subject to the drafts of the Bishop, in accordance with the Second Article of the Constitution.

ART. VII. Each subscriber paying $1 annually, shall be a member of this Society; and the payment of $10 shall constitute a member for life.

ART. VIII. The Annual Meeting of this Society shall be held some time during the session of the Conference, at the discretion of the Board of Managers.

ART. IX. The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Mana-

ART. X. At all the meetings of the Society, the President, or in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, or in the absence of both Vice-Presidents such member as shall be appointed by the meeting, shall preside.

ART. XI. The Minutes of each meeting of the Society shall be signed by the President and Recording Secretary.

ART. XII. The Constitution shall not be altered but by a vote of two-thirds of the Annual Conference, at the recommendation of the Board of Managers.

BY-LAWS.

I. The Managers shall meet annually, at such places as may be appointed for the Annual Conference on the day previous to its sitting.

II. At all meetings of the Board, the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, or President *pro tem.*, shall take the chair at the hour appointed; shall preserve order, and appoint committees; and shall, also, have authority to appoint extra meetings of the Board.

III. The Secretary shall keep a correct journal of the minutes and proceedings of the Board, and attend all its sittings when practicable; and, in case of absence, transmit the record of the Board to the place of meeting.

IV. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct account of receipts and expenditures, which shall be submitted with the necessary vouchers, to an Auditing Committee to be appointed by the Board at each annual meeting.

V. The Board shall hold a meeting on a day not later than the seventh of the Conference sessions, at which the Treasurer shall be required to furnish a statement of the funds; and the Board shall, thereupon, notify the Presiding Bishop of the amount for which drafts may be made the ensuing year.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The reports from the various missions furnish the following statistics: there are thirty-eight missions within the bounds of our Conference; of these, twelve are to the whites in destitute parts of the country, and twenty-six to the colored people. In these missions there are one thousand four hundred and eighty-three whites in full connection, and three hundred and three on probation; colored in full connection, nine thousand three hundred and ninety-two; on probation, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight; children under catechetical instruction, six thousand one hundred and seventy-eight. To supply this

work, forty-three zealous and faithful men have been detailed from the regular pastoral work. We feel thankful to God that the lives of our brethren have been spared in these fields of exposure, and that their labors have been attended with encouraging success.

The missionary work among the negroes has long engaged the prayerful attention and generous support of this society. The first to begin anything like systematic effort for the improvement of the slaves in the South, ours shall be the last Conference to desert the work. Having passed through the period when our motives were suspected and our operations jealously scrutinized, no one can think of retiring now, when we are everywhere hailed with welcome by master and slave. The work is no longer an experiment. The success has become matter of history. The fruit is abundant—and our rejoicing is this: "the poor have the gospel preached unto them." In this enterprise we have not sought the commendations of the irreligious world; we have not waited the approval of conceited philanthropists; nor have we courted a place in the heralded glories of a spreading Church; but our hearts have swelled with silent joy, as we have watched the signals of divine approval in the religious improvement of the negro. Our eyes though often dimmed with tears, have been fixed on the coming harvest, "when they who go forth weeping shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them."

The mad crusade of Northern fanaticism shall not abate our interest in these descendants of Ham, which Providence has committed to our care. Politicians may curse our institutions, and psuedo-philanthropists howl over our sins; we regard not the maledictions of the one, nor the drivelling pity of the other. Ours shall still be the pleasing task of breaking the bread of life to the eager hands of the negro; we shall still weep with him in his penitential grief, and cheerfully join in his hearty songs of praise; and in the dying hour, when the glory of the heavenly world begins to dawn upon him, ours be the pleasure to witness the light of immortality kindling upon his dusky brow, and ours the privilege to see how God can make the negro-cabin the gate of heaven.

We cannot close this part of our report without expressing the belief, that a brighter day is about to open upon our domestic missions. All who have labored in these fields, as well as those who have had any pastoral charge of our colored people, know full well the embarrassments which have been thrown in the way of evangelizing this class, by the fanatical agitations of Northern politicians. Exposed to the wicked intermeddling of abolitionists, we have been compelled to restrict the liberties of the colored people, and even those privileges which have been given, had to be so guarded and watched, as to allow but an imperfect development of redeem-

ing agency. The potency of the Gospel has been but partially exerted for the salvation of the subject race. Nor has this been a fault of our home-government, nor yet is it an inherent difficulty of slavery, but it has been the necessary protection against an agitation which has taken up passions as malign as those which excited the inquisition, and is led by a blindness as deluded as that which guided the crusades. The great, persistent effort has been to array the two classes of our social organization against each other. The Methodist Church was made the pioneer in this work. But the effort so to prostitute it, rent it asunder in 1844, other denominations were sought as the instruments of this fiendish task, but the spirit of Southern Christianity was too pure to be sold to abolition rule. Failing with the Churches, the Federal Government has been seized upon as the only remaining power to destroy the negro and the South.

While we leave to the leaders of secession to state the civil reasons which sustain their movement, we believe that the full development of Christianity among the negroes of the South, demands an immediate and final separation from a government which, so far from quieting, has been the willing agent of excitements and agitations that have proved powerful obstacles in "the spread of Scriptural holiness through the land." The secession of South Carolina will settle forever the question of slavery. The vague dreams of abolition-redemption will soon fade away from the mind of the slave, and leave him happy and contented. Satisfied with the condition in which God has placed him, he will the more certainly and rapidly advance in religious enlightenment and Christian morality. Then, too, the sense of entire security, which will be felt by the master, will awaken a kinder and more considerate regard for the slave. A two-fold blessing will follow—the negro will become more obedient and loyal, the master more trusting and affectionate. This reciprocal interest cannot fail to work out a state of social confidence and order, in which the white man will be the more willing dispenser of the word of life, and the black man the more cheerful and happy recipient. For these and other reasons, we rejoice in what we believe to be the dawn of the brightest day in the annals of our mission-history. And now, while we can hear the great gathering of this glorious Exodus that tells us the night of terror and suspense is well-nigh spent, we grasp with pleasure the pilgrim's staff, and stand ready to follow wherever Israel's God shall guide us.

The M. E. Church, South, has one mission in China; two hundred and forty-six missions in destitute portions of our country to the whites—missions to the colored people, two hundred and ten; to the Germans, twenty; in all, four hundred and seventy-seven—with an effective force of near five hundred men.

The M. E. Church, North, has missions in Africa, in China, in South America, in Germany, in Sweden, in Norway, in Denmark, in Bulgaria, and in India. Their force, domestic and foreign, amounts to six hundred.

English Methodism, besides an effective home department, has six hundred ministers in foreign fields, and employs one thousand others, who assist in spreading the Scriptures.

Other smaller branches of Methodism engage about four hundred men in this work; so that the entire missionary force of all the denominations who agree in the Methodist faith and practice, may be set down at two thousand. In the communion of these denominations, there are fifty thousand ministers, three millions of members, and twelve millions of hearers.

These are the results of our Church labors in the past century. For, if the average time at which these denominations began, shall be struck, we have one hundred years as the age of Methodism. During this period, we have had to encounter the strongest opposition and the bitterest prejudices. All the difficulties and hardships of missionary work have been endured, and the contribution of three millions of members to the Church of Christ, may be properly considered as the result of Methodist missions in the last century.

These denominations now constitute the largest body of Protestants in the world. In addition to numbers, wealth and educational advantages abound. Though the Wesleyan revival began among the poor, ours is now officially reported to be the wealthiest denomination in the United States. The members of our Church are at work in every department of enterprise; in agriculture and commerce, in manufactories and navigation, on the surface of the earth and in the rich mines of the interior, by land and by sea, in city and in the gorges of the mountains, every where and in every thing that promises a rich return, they now become as a body, the long-fabled, but real and powerful Briarius of the present generation. All the means necessary to the most efficient organization of a foreign missionary department are in our hands, — numbers, wealth, and intelligence.

In addition to this, the itinerancy has trained a class of ministers peculiarly adapted to the hardships and labors of the foreign field. These who are accustomed to the malaria of the rice-fields, would not tremble before the fevers of Africa; these who have never turned their backs to the dangers of the Western wilds, would know no fear among the jungles of India; these who are cheerful and happy on the out-posts of civilization, would ask no homes of luxury in Syria or Japan. Full of earnest zeal, accustomed to self-sacrifice, and undaunted by dangers, it would be "victory organized" with these soldiers in the field.

This exhibit of our strength is not made to excite denomina-

tional pride or sectarian vanity, but to enable us fully to estimate the obligations imposed by the possession of so many talents. Of those "to whom much is given, will much be required." The Church has surely passed its minority. It cannot, it must not be content with home evangelization. How much, then, is required of the Church for missions abroad? The answer is to be found only in the amount of our ability. We are "accepted according to that we have." This is the New Testament rate of obligation; not the Jewish tenth, but the Christian's ability to give. Not only is this clearly laid down as the rule of our faith, but the continuance of our present blessings is suspended upon compliance to the rule, "from him that hath not shall be taken even that which he hath." Present advantages, great as they are, cannot long be ours without improvement. We have tarried long enough at home. A new spirit must be kindled, new enterprises must awaken our zeal, and new liberality will then sustain the work.

No man can doubt the call of God to this work, who will look at the opening fields. Central and South America, our continental neighbors, ought to be made fraternal co-workers in the spread of the gospel. Beyond the Pacific, China's millions await us. Japan cannot long resist the friendly intercourse so happily begun, and every island of the empire will soon stretch its hands for the word of life. Africa has long been a scene of heroic suffering, and still the half is not done that might be effected for the redemption of its darkened children. All hearts are now rejoicing at the brightening prospects of evangelical truth among the nations of Europe. Here the corn is breast-high, and waving to the reapers. The Ottoman Empire, long tottering to its fall, must soon tremble into ruins, and leave the crescent an unfeared symbol of power in Asia. The Jews, who for ages have been considered unapproachable, give signs, in many places, that judicial blindness is yielding before the gospel day. The world is open to us. Turn where we will, and we shall see that "the harvest is great," and the master is calling for laborers. To stand still at this time, will be to hesitate when the Lord is saying, "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." To stand still, will be to allow our prosperity to consume us, and our luxuries to destroy us. To stand still, will be to allow seven hundred millions of our race to perish. And this, too, when we are best prepared for action; this, too, when the promise assures us that the "kingdom of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ;" this, too, when we are supported by fifty millions of the followers of Christ; when the kingdoms of Christendom rank among the first nations of the earth, and its cities and towns are the richest in the world. *Shall it be so?* Duty to God, duty to ourselves, and duty to perishing thousands, says no. And may the prayers, and zeal, and liberality of the Church, say no.

In conclusion, we present the following resolutions for your consideration:

Resolved, 1*st*. That our home and domestic missions shall still command our tenderest, cheerful support.

Resolved, 2*d*. That the time has come when, as a Church, we must not be content with the work of home-evangelization, but we must move, with active effort and vigorous zeal, all the resources at our command, for the conversion of the world.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

South Carolina Conference Missionary Society.

FOR THE YEAR 1860.

C. H. PRITCHARD, TREASURER,

In account with South Carolina Conference Missionary Society, December, 1860.

To Collections during past year:

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.	Dr.
Charleston—Cumberland, by Rev J A Porter: from whites, $78 68; from colored, 124 68	$203 36
Trinity, by Rev W H Fleming: collections, 389; colored missionary society, 94; juvenile colored missionary society, 17	500 00
Bethel, by Rev D J Simmons	105 00
Spring Street, by Rev F Milton Kennedy	10 00
Allendale circuit, by Rev L M Hamer: collections, 151 75; English chapel, 20	171 75
Walterboro circuit, by Rev J D W Crook: 20 of which to make Rev L Bellinger life member	501 90
Black Swamp circuit, by Rev J W Kelly: of which 15 for Home mission, 10 Indian mission, 15 China mission	310 00
Bamberg circuit, by Rev W Crook	80 00
Beaufort mission, by Rev I P Hughes: John J Smith, 50; Dr Thomas Means, 50; Mrs S B Fuller, 100 00; Hon E Rhett, 40; Mrs M B Stewart, 20; Major H H Sams, 30	290 00
Combahee mission, by Rev M L Banks: Daniel Blake, 150; estate Heyward, 150; Charles Heyward, 200; J B Heyward, 150; Captain A Heyward, 100; Charles T Lowndes, 100; Mrs Mason Smith, 30	880 00
Edisto and Jehossee mission, by Rev C Wilson: Hon W Aiken, 150; J J Mikell, Esq, 100	250 00
Pon Pon mission, by Rev P G Bowman; Col Lewis Morris, 150; Hon J B Grimball, 50; H H Manigault, 30; Col J E Jenkins, 30; estate Mrs A A Gibbs, 20; R J Laroche, 10; C P W King, 10; Hon H S King, 60; Col J Ashe, 25; J C Meggett, 25; J R Wilson, 25	435 00
Bluffton mission, by Rev S Leard: J Porcher, 100; P F Meggett, 10; Miss H Pinckney, 100; estate Edwards, 100; Rev G Allen, 50; Daniel Johnson, 50; Mrs H Hardee, 50; B Wiggins, 20; Jas Seabrook, 100; Dr J W Kirk, 50; Hon W Pope, 50; Mrs Strauss, 5; Thomas Jeffords, 10; estate Guerard, 20; Mrs Corley, 9; Gen Winningham, 10; Peter Brunson, 6; C Colcock, 30	725 00

Prince Williams Mission, by Rev W W Mood: H W Stewart, 40; Col Paul Hamilton, 50	90 00
Savannah River mission, by J R Coburn: J P Smith, 110; estate Taylor, 30; Mr Rutledge, 30; Mr Rose, 25; Joseph Manigault, 50; D Heyward, 75; J J Smith, 50; Allen Izard, 200; Fife plantation, 100; Blidesdale plantation, 75; estate Chisolm, 50	795 00
St George's and St Paul's mission, by Rev A Nettles: Hon R S Bedon, 50; Col C F Davis, 15; G Wilkins, 20; Thomas Laracy, 10; E Callar, 16; J Callar, 10; P Missionary, 3; J B Campbell, 5; Robert Fishburn, 2; John Rivers, 2; J Bivins, 2; collections, 5	150 00
Ashepoo mission, by Rev J W Coward: Hon N Heyward, 100; E B Means, 50; R Pressly Smith, 50; Capt W Godfrey, 40; Robt Chisholm, 40; J M Rhett, 30; Capt H S Rhett, 30; W C P Bellinger, 30; W B Means, 50; Mrs E H Tracy, 10; estate C C Tracy, 10	440 00
	$5,995 01

ORANGEBURG DISTRICT.

Cypress circuit, by Rev L Scarboro	500 00
Blackville circuit, by Rev J M Bradley	214 15
St George's circuit, by Rev W Carson: 18 for foreign mission	128 95
Barnwell circuit, by Rev M Eaddy	105 00
Cooper River circuit, by Rev W A Clark: from Pineville, for China, 5; collections, 105; Rev J Davis, for China mission, 5	115 00
Lexington circuit, by Rev E J Pennington; of which 20 is for foreign mission	100 00
Orangeburg circuit, by Rev A B Stephens	136 00
Cooper River mission, by Rev G W Moore: Dr T G Prioleau, 20; W Ravenel, 35; J H Porcher, 40; J Porcher, 60; S Lucas, 25; interest on Trinity Bond, 70; Hon C Macbeth, 50; estate Captain Robertson, 20; O Harleston, 10; S Lucas, 25; J Venning, 100; E DuBose, 40; J Porcher, 50; R Ravenel, 20; J H Porcher, 40; W Ravenel, 35; P Porcher, 25; T Ravenel, 25	690 00
Aiken and Graniteville Mission, by Rev J A Mood; Graniteville manufacturing company, 100; B C Heard, 10; Mrs Powell, 5; Mrs Green, 5; Miss Hill, 15; Mrs Fortner, 6; Mrs Meetze, 5; Jas Montgomery, 8; J H Fortner, 5; Mrs Marshall, 10; little Julian Harris's dying bequest, 1 55; Graniteville Sunday school, 5 50; Miss Happoldt, 5; T Heyward, 15; sundry collections, 67 41	263 46
	$2,252 56

MARION DISTRICT.

Marion station, by Rev B English: collections, 181 68; Miss Anna Griggs missionary box, 4 30; Miss Bettie Foxworth's missionary box, 3 27.	189 25
Georgetown, by Rev R J Boyd: from whites, 192 78; children of Sunday school, 35; colored people, 96	323 78
Darlington circuit, by Rev P F Kistler	216 00
Lynchburg circuit, by Rev W L Pegues	210 00
Williamsburg circuit, by Rev L M Little	375 50
Brownsville circuit, by Rev J W Murray	171 00
Waccamaw mission, by Rev C Betts: from Col C Alston, 100; Est R Nesbit, 40; Mrs R Nesbit, 20; Mrs Trapier, 20; Mrs J Tillman, 25; Mrs B Tillman, 10; W Porter Sen, 10; W Porter Jr, 2; Mr Heard, 3; Mr Colcock, 6; J Parker, 10; Est Rev L Belin, 500; public collection, 13 50	759 50
Marion circuit, by Rev G W Ivy	216 55
Conwayboro circuit, by Rev M A Connerly	209 40
Lynch's Creek, by Rev G H Wells	13 00
Darlington station, by Rev C H Pritchard: public collection, 134 25; prayer meetings, 81 31; Sunday schools, 10 99	226 55
Black River and Pee Dee mission, by Rev A Ervin: Hon R F Alston, 50; F Weston, 50; estate Tucker, 40; B F Dunkan, 30; B M Grier, 25; Chas Alston, 50; J H Trapier, 20; E Coachman, 25; W Trapier, 20; J R Easterling, 8; J C Atkinson, 20; R Dozier, 20; J Pringle Alston, 25; Francis Green, 10; Rev L A Grier, 15; W King, 10; W R Grier, 5; T C Grier, 5; W Bull Pringle, 25	453 00

Sampit mission, by Rev Thos Mitchell: estate F Withers, 300; J B Pyatt, 100; Jno F Pyatt, 100; blacks at Friendfield and Northampton, 13 89 — 513 89

Liberty Chapel mission, by Rev J L McGregor: Rev H McCleneghan, 50, Dr R Harllee, 50; A H Brown, 20; G C James, 10; R W Jenkins, 5; H McCleneghan, 5; D R Gregg, 10; C S Eagerton, 8; Gen W W Harllee, 5; J E Gregg, 5; W J Collins, 5; Mrs M Jenkins, 2; Mrs M A Reynolds, 2; Eli McKissick, 2 70; W G Gregg, 2; C G Collins, 1; cash, 1; J A Brown, 1; Mrs M Allison, 1; F M McCorkle, 5; J A Moody, 1; Miss L J Gregg, 1; F A Collins, 1; S E Gregg, 1; T Melton, 50 cts; W T Wilson, 5; Dr W R Johnson, 15 10; cash, 42 cts; colored people, 7 28; through Rev A McCorquodale: collection last year from Dr Porcher, 5; E E Gregg, 1 ..... 229 00

Santee mission, by Rev O Eaddy: J H Ladson, 75; J R Pringle, 50; Hon E Frost, 30; Mrs Mayrant, 30; W Mayrant, 30; W Lucas, 30; W B Pringle, 35; A M Manigault, 25; S D Doar, 20; Maj Lowndes, 20; Mrs E Pinckney, 20; Zion, 5 25; Ferry, 2 87; Hon C C Pinckney, 25; estate Mrs E B Lowndes, 25 ..... 413 12

$4,519 54

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

Camden, by Rev E J Meynardie: V E Manget, 5; Miss S A Godfrey, 10; J Dunlap and family, 14; Mrs Griffin, 5; J S De Pass, 3; J M Riddle, 50 cts; J M Legrand, 1; J P Roswell, 1; J P De Pass, 1; J Witherspoon, 1; Jas De Loache, 1; A G Lee, 5; F L Zemp, 10; W F Perry, 2; C J Shannon, 5; E E Adamson, 2; J J McKain, 2; P E Woods, 2; George Alden, 3; W E Johnson, for domestic missions, 20; W C Workman and family, 5; H W De Lansenn, 2; Maj Whitaker, 2; D M Rogers, 3; J F Sutherland, 5; W J Leitner and lady, 3; W L De Pass and lady, 10; W Wallace, 5; J B Alexander, 6; T J Warren, 5; W Clyburn, 2; Mrs S T Blair, 20; Mrs Graham, 1; T F Smith, 2; J W Doby, 2; W C Doby, 1; J S Merony, 1; J D Kennedy, 5; W E Deloache, 1; R F Small, 1; W McKain, 1; J W McCurry, 1; W M Billings, 2; Mrs L Joy, 2; Mrs D Kennedy, 50 cts.; Mrs Legrand, 50 cts; Mrs M Capers, 1; Mrs Thornton, 1; Miss Lizzie McKain, 50 cts; Miss Lizzie Kennedy, 2; Mrs Bonny, 1; Miss S Neil, 2; Mrs Lee, 50 cts; Miss Sue Bonny, 50 cts; Mrs T B Lee, 2; N Ducker, 50 cts; Mrs Haile, 50 cts; Mrs J N Gamewell, 10; Mrs William Wallace, 1; J B Cureton, 5; J N Gamewell, thank-offering, 25 ..... 263 10

Sumter station, by Rev R P Franks 74 00

Sumter circuit, by Rev M Brown 220 00

Richland circuit, by Rev Thos Raysor 20 00

Fairfield circuit, by Rev J W Puett: Mt Pleasant, A F Dubard, 20, to make J W Dubard McCants life member; N Dubard, 10; sundry others, 10; Cedar Creek, D D Fenley, 5; J W Jones, 5; W Hamilton, 5; sundry others, 24; Bethel, N C Robertson, 5; C Cook, 5; sundry others, 10; Union, Mrs Mason, 5; others, 5; Shilo, 22; Monticello, 25; Winnsboro, Mrs Cockrell, 5; H B McMaster, 5; sundry others, 25; Pine Grove, 6; J W Puett, 3; 200 00

Rocky Mount circuit, by Rev A J Cauthen 176 13

Santee circuit, by Rev M Puckett 122 00

Washington st, collection by Rev J T Wightman: collections, 128 50; Sunday school class, 10 ..... 138 50

Marion st, collection, by Rev R B Alston: Sunday school, 30, 20 of which to make W W Dean life member, colored missionary society; 20 of which to make Flora Souly life member; 20 to make Rev R B Alston life member; Rev R B Alston, 20, to make Mrs M S North life member; collections, 115 ..... 220 00

Richland Fork mission, by Rev D W Sealc 424 50

Chester circuit, by Rev A G Stacy 117 40

Congaree mission, by Rev N Talley: Geo W Hopkins, 50; Capt A Taylor, 40; Col F Hampton, 100; Col C Bryce, 20; J L Guinard, 20; Paul Chapel, 20; Mrs R Brevard, 20; Gen H Arthur, 20; Maj S D Goodwin, 20; Maj J G Sykes, 15: F T Harris, 5; Jas Campbell, 5; A

Gallerod, 5; Sam Black, 5; Dr. J T Diseker, 5; Mrs Gen Hopkins, 5; Miss K Arthur, 10; Miss N Arthur, 10; W Denly, 5; T Campbell, 1; W T Golden, 1; Thos Campbell, 1; R W Spigner, 2; H Campbell, 1; A P Vinson, 2; A T Rowelson, 2; G B Bush, 2; C Roache, 1; B F Spigner, 1; S E Rowel, 1; blacks at Granby church, 3 63; Big Lake, 2 18; servants of Col Hampton, 4 15; Miss C Arthur, 10	414 00
Sandy River mission, by Rev J S Connor: R S Duffie, 8; J P Campbell, 5; A Slate, 5; C Elow, 5; Mrs C Means, 15; W Pratt sr, 5; W Pratt jr, 5; Mrs Pratt, 1 35; E Cornwell, 5; J P Cornwell, 5; W Vandiver, 5; T R Lipsay, 5; C Degraffenried, 5; Mrs Lyne, 4 50; Dr T Douglas, 4; Capt Holly, 4; J B Fry, 2 50; Miss M Douglas, 2; Mrs M Pratt, 2; A McKeown, 1 75; W McKeown, 1; R S Duffie, 1; Mrs. Neil, 1; colored persons, 11; collections, 15 90	130 00
Wateree mission, by Rev J L Shuford: Major J M De Saussure, 75; Capt J B Michel, 20; Col John English, 25; Mrs H English, 20; S Thompson, 5; J J Lucas, 5; J L Dickson, 2; W L Cook, 5; A Sanders, 10; S W Young, 10; D J Milling, 25; D D Hocott, 15; B Prescott, 5; W E Oster, 1; Captain J D Kennedy, 50; Col W A Anerim, 15; cash, 5; Capt Thomas Lang, 50; Mrs S Ciples, 50; B Boykin, 30; Col Jas Chesnut, 50; John McKay, 20; John Arthur, 5; W Christmas, 1; Dr E J Rembert, 5; Dr C J Shannon, 10; G W Galloway, 1; S H Sanders, 3; T O Sanders, 3; R G Ellerbee, 5; F A Huggins, 2; L F Jenkins, 2; C H Moody, 1; W Prescot, 1; W L Hogan, 2; R Moody, 50c; John Chestnut, 10; J H McLeod, 10, A Brevard, 10; W E Hughes, 6; B Perkins, 10; collections, 11 50.	592 00
Upper Santee mission, by Rev D B Byars: Col M W James, 20; J N Frierson, 15; L M McRoy, 5; H Souder, 1; J W Alsbrook, 2; H S Souder, 50c; R N Richbourg, 1; E Parler, 5; Mrs M Parler, 5; J W Hilton, 10; W R Graham, 1; Miss E A Graham, 50c; Mrs Thomas, 50c; Mrs H Graham, 50c; J W Hilton, 10; R W Thomas and lady, 1 25; R W Chewning, 1; J D Childers, 1; R W Gale, 2; F G Jenkins, 5; D L Ragin, 5; J G King, 2; J J Frierson, 25; W Coullette, 5; P G Benbow, 25; estate Ragin, 50; J H Colclough, 40; J M Caldwell, 10; W C Dukes, 25; R P Haynesworth, 5; E Parler and lady, 6; J Spratt, 5; D St Pierre DuBose, 25; Dr M Ramsay, 5; public collections, 51 40	371 65
	$3,483 28

COKESBURY DISTRICT.

Abbeville circuit, by Rev J W North	309 30
Cokesbury circuit, by Rev W H Lawton: collections, 231 49; female missionary society, 42 86	274 35
Butler circuit, by Rev J R Pickett	159 50
Rocky Pond mission, by Rev W M Creighton	150 00
Pendleton circuit, by Rev H D Moore	13 00
Pickens circuit, by Rev E F Thwing	35 50
Ninety-Six circuit, by Rev J M Carlisle	220 50
Anderson circuit, by Rev Thos G Herbert	150 00
Laurens circuit, by Rev Thos S Daniel: Miss S Eppes, missionary box, 2; Miss S Eppes, missionary box, 1; Miss L Eppes, missionary box, 1; children at Mount Bethel, 2 65; collections in circuit, 106; collections at Mount Bethel, 22 25	134 90
Williamston circuit, by Rev A B McGilvray	62 40
Edgefield circuit, by Rev C McLeod	57 97
Newberry station, by Rev M A McKibben	63 50
Newberry circuit, by Rev J T Kilgo	307 30
Saluda River mission, by Rev A L Smith: F B Higgins, 100; Capt A R Taylor, 25; W C Linsey, 10; public collection, 6 30	141 30
	$2,079 52

WADESBORO' DISTRICT.

Munro circuit, by Rev B G Jones	134 00
Concord circuit, by Rev E W Thompson	133 75
Albemarle circuit, by Rev A W Walker	40 80

Lancaster circuit, by Rev Landy Wood	86 00
Chesterfield circuit, by Rev Jesse S Nelson	105 00
Ansonville circuit, by Rev William Hutto	116 00
Society Hill mission, by Rev J M Cline: Col W Evans, 55; E Evans, 50; Col J N Williams, 50; C F Williams, 50; John Witherspoon, 50; Hon J McQueen, 25; Hon J A Inglis, 20; Dr A McLeod, 20; Samuel Evans, 25; T P Lyde, 15; B N Rogers, 10; Col McLeod, 5; Major Drake, 5; Jas Peterkin, 5; Dr Pressly, 4; Benj Covington, 40; S McQueen, 10; J W Williams, 25; A Friend, 5; colored people's collections, 14; G Dudley, 50c	447 50
Catawba mission, by Rev T H Edwards: Dr T H Cureton, 25; T H Dunlap, 15; Mrs T Brown, 10; Miss Mary Barnes, 10; S T Wade, 10; H H Gooch, 10; A member of the church, 10; Mrs C L Tilman, 10; John Thompson, 10; C K Dic, 10; Chas Dic, 5; D D Perry, 5; H W Wilkerson, 5; W R Bennett, 5; J S McMurray, 5; J D McCurdle, 5; J D McIlvaine, 5; S Patterson, 10; Mrs M A J Stewart, 12; M J McIlvaine, 5; S B Massey, 25; Mrs E R Cureton, 10; J N Dunlap, 5; H B Massey, 5; D G Anderson, 2; D E Dunlap, 1; S A Weaver, 25c; T Bailey, 2; J N Taylor, 1 50; M J Cureton, 2; W Richardson and wife, 3; H G Houzer, 5 75; N B Vanlandingham, 10; J C Hoke, 2; W M Taylor, 1; A McIlvain, 3; W Blackman, 1; J A Montgomery, 10; M Patterson, 5; W C Denton, 3; collections at Sunshine, 22 15; at Tolerant, 24 25; Hasleton & Co, 5; collections from colored people, 17 61; T D Green, 15	570 00
Wadesboro' station, by Rev H C Parsons	74 00
Rocky River mission, by Rev W S Haltom	50 00
Bennettsville circuit, by Rev R R Pegues	650 00
Cheraw station, by Rev W S Black: Dr S D Sanders, 20; Mary Sanders, 1; Master S Sanders, 1; O H Spencer, 10; Mrs Spencer, 5; Miss H Spencer, 5; Mrs Wells, 8; D F Pemberton, 5; T S Marshall, 5; M H Duvall, 5; Dr J C Craig, 6; Mrs M Pegues, 5; Mrs M Tomlinson, 1; Mrs Lion, 2; Mrs Campbell, 2; Mrs Stephen, 25c; Mrs Edins, 25c; Mrs Goodwin, 50c; Mrs Cadieu, 50c; Mrs Richardson, 25c; J C Wadsworsh, 2; W Kendall, 1; Alex Allen, 2; W C Stansill, 2; E D Smith, 1; John Stansill, 1; W A Smith, 1; T S Hayes, 2; J H Clyburn, 1; J W Handall, 1; E H Townsend, 1; J H Lion, 2; Miss L Punch, 2; Miss Brown, 50c; Sallie Gilbert, 2; Rev J L Wilson, 5; T J Ingraham, 2; P B Harper, 1; A J Wilson, 2; A A Hayes, 1; Miss C E Pegues, 2 50; Miss E W Pegues, 2 50; Mrs V Blakeney, 5; Mrs M S Jackson, 5; Sarah Morgan, 1; Mrs Gilbert, 2; Mrs McRae, 1; Mrs Tomlinson, 50c; Mrs Hayes, 50c; Mrs Stansill, 50c; A A Vanderford, 1; E M Manuel, 1; A Benton, 3; J H Walsh, 2; A Race, 50c; Dr McRae, 1; Cash, 2; Mrs H J Threadgill, 2; Sallie M Threadgill, 1; Lillie J Threadgill, 1; J H Threadgill, 1; colored people to make Rev W S Black a life member; Mrs H P Gillespie, 5; Miss H Gillespie, 5	181 25
Wadesboro' circuit, by Rev S Jones	205 00
	$2,793 30

LINCOLNTON DISTRICT.

Lenoir circuit, by Rev W W Graham	72 25
Morganton circuit, by Rev W A Hemingway	45 00
Yorkville station, by Rev L A Johnson	25 00
Rock Hill circuit, by Rev E A Price	53 15
Dallas circuit, by Rev D A Ogburn	20 00
Charlotte circuit, by Rev W W Jones	51 55
South Mountain mission, by Rev A P Avant	24 30
John's River mission, by Rev John Watts	4 05
Pineville circuit, by Rev O A Chrietzberg	82 15
Catawba circuit, by Rev D May: Moore's, 2 60; Friendship, 4 75; Wesley Chapel, 26 30; Hopewell, 5 60; Fair Grove, 5 45; Bethlehem, 1 88; St. Peter's, 3 10; Pisgah, 50c; Smyrna, 85c; Pleasant Grove, 40c; Bethlehem, 3 95; Kadish, 7 10; Jones Grove, 4 25; Zion, 5 90; Chime's school house, 6 80; Concord, 21 67; Newton, 8 45; Providence, 3 90; Palm Tree, 5 05	118 08

Lincolnton circuit, by Rev J Finger	90 25
Charlotte station, by Rev J W Miller: Public collection, 34 30; children of Sunday School, 12 90	47 25
Shelby circuit, by Rev A McCorquodale: Dr J W T Miller, 10; E S E Chambers, 10; Dr W J Tracy, 10; Dr J F Miller, 5; Jas Ware, 5; John Weber, 5; W G Patterson, 5; Mrs S Graham, 5; John Goode, 2; Rev J C Randall, 2; David Webb, 2; Mrs E Roark, 2; David Whisnant, 1; S D Randal, 1; Rev A McMabery, 1; Mrs M Marks, 1; public collections, 18 80; collections at China Hill, 12 15; Bethel, 4 40; Elbethel, 8; Rehoboth, 2; Sparrow's House, 60c; Factory, 4 50; Salem, 3; Shelby, 25 05; cash, 65—60 of which to make Rev W Miller, Rev A McCorquodale and wife, life members	147 00
	$780 03

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.

Spartanburg station, by Rev A H Lester	202 00
Spartanburg circuit, by Rev W J E Frippe	10 00
Pickensville circuit, by Rev V A Sharpe	52 35
Rutherford circuit, by Rev J S Ervin	112 25
Greenville circuit, by Rev E A Lemmond	106 50
McDowell circuit, by Rev J W Abernathy	39 00
Pacolet circuit, by Rev O A Darby	22 10
Goshen Hill circuit, by Rev J W Crider	110 00
Columbus mission, by Rev A R Bennick	76 20
Broad River mission, by Rev J Parker	10 40
Union circuit, by Rev Colin Murchison: Dr J H Dogan, 10; Miss A E Rice, 10; D H Sheldon, 5; W S Gregory, 5; W Martin, 5; J Foster, 5; H Wofford, 5; Dr F M Tucker, 5; collections, 53	103 00
Greenville station, by Rev S J Hill	64 00
	$843 80

MISCELLANEOUS.

Interest, R Bryce, Treasurer, dividends	20 00
Estate of Mrs May	25 00
Rev H A C Walker	50 00
G W Williams' interest on Rev B Wofford's legacy	280 00
Rev A M Chrietzberg, amount returned, not being used on Black River and Pee Dee mission	25 00
Rev W P Mouzon, returned, not being used on city mission	51 04
	451 04
Avails of jewelry	1 00
	$452 04

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

Rev W H Lawton and wife, 50; Rev W L Pegues, to make Misses H L A and Emma Parker, life members, 100; from the the young ladies of Female College, 50; a lady from the avails of her pen, (M M,) 50; Rev W Crook, to make C B Walker life member, 20; Rev C Taylor, to make Dr A N Talley life member, 20; Revs L M Hamer and W A Clark, to make Rev R Abbey life member, 20; Rev N Talley, to make Rev Dr Means life member, 20; Rev A B Stevens, to make Mrs R P Myrant life member, 20; Rev M A Connoly, 5; donation, 6; Mrs Sarah Bryce, 25; Rev W Hutto, 10; Rev J T Kilgo, 10; Rev J S Ervin, 5; Rev A H Harmon, 5; Rev A G Stacy, 10; Mrs A G Stacy, 5; Mrs D Gamewell, 5; Rev S Link, to make Mrs J Caldwell life member, 20; Mrs E McCorquedale, to make Mrs H Mood life member, 20; Revs J D W Crook, W H Fleming, D J Simmons, and J A Porter, to make Rev W P Mouzon life member, 20; Class of the first year, to make Rev W H Fleming, chairman of the committee, life member, 20; Revs P L Harmon, G W DuPre, W S Black, and E W Thompson, to make Rev S H Brown life member, 20; Revs M Brown, W S Black, to make Albert Rhett Taylor life member, 20; Rev Chas Betts, to make F A Tradewell and wife life members, 50; Rev H C Parsons, 20; Dr Chas Williams, to make Miss Betty Hamer life member, 20; Rev H M Mood, to make Miss Isabella Martin life member, 20; Mrs Just, to make G W Williams,

Jr., life member, 20; Rev A J Cauthen, to make Alice Jane Cauthen life member, 20; Robt Bryce, to make Mrs Dr Means life member, 20; Rev W Martin, to make Rev H M Mood and wife life members, 50; Revs S Leard and A M Forster, to make Mrs Dr Forster life member, 20; Drs Miller and Dogan, to make Mrs Jno Bryce life member, 20; Rev Martin Eaddy, 10; Revs Crider, Smith, Walker and Moore, to make Mrs. Captain Parker life member, 20; Rev W W Jones and Dr. Harral, to make Mrs Robt Johnson life member, 20; Rev R J Boyd, 10; Col T J Warren, Revs J W Kelley and Hill, to make Mrs. Julia Glass life member, 20: Revs J Stokes and L C Weaver, to make Mrs Sarah Bryce life member, 20; Rev P G McGregor, 1; Rev A P Avant, 10; Rev J Parker, 10; Rev J H Zimmerman, 1; Edwin D and W Jordan, to make Miss Sue W Gamewell life member conference missionary society, 10; Mrs W A Gamewell and Miss M W Gamewell, to make Dr D L DeSaussure life member, 20; Rev J W Humbert, 10; Mrs C G Kennedy, 10; Rev C H Pritchard, 10; Revs Bowman, Coward, Auld and Wells, to make Rev N Talley life member, 20; Rev J R Pickett, to make Mrs R D Senn life member, 20; Rev J S Connor, to make Mrs H C Elmore life member conference society, 10; Rev S Townsend, 10; Rev D W Seale, 10; Rev W S Haltom, 5; Rev J T Wightman, to make Sarah Leonora Means and Clarindon Chambers life members, 40; Rev Daniel May, 10; Rev D Derrick, to make Mrs A B Kinsler life member, 20; Mrs F Rush, to make herself life member, 30; public collections, 51 80; cash from sundry persons, 39 56. Total, $1,263 46

COLLECTIONS.

Charleston District	5,995 01	
Orangeburg District	2,252 56	
Marion District	4,519 54	
Columbia District	3,483 28	
Wadesboro' District	2,793 30	
Lincolnton District	780 03	
Spartanburg District	843 80	
Cokesbury District	2,079 52	22,737 04
Anniversary meeting		1,263 46
Miscellaneous		452 04
Total		$24,463 54

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By paid for printing Minutes	172 50
By cash paid, through E H Myers, on draft, on J Litton, Treasurer, in favor of W A Gamewell	50 00
By paid Rev S H Browne, for supply on Catawba mission	300 00
By amount lost in letter forwarded by Rev C H Pritchard	61 09
By Bishop Early's draft in favor of Rev W A McSwain	311 25
By Bishop Early's draft in favor of Rev S H Browne	485 00
By Bishop Early's draft in favor of Rev H A Walker	351 25
By Bishop Early's draft in favor of Rev A M Chrietzberg	1,056 25
By Bishop Early's draft in favor of Rev J Stacy	356 25
By Bishop Early's draft in favor of W H Mouzon	2,071 25
By Bishop Early's draft in favor of Rev F A Mood	383 70
By Bishop Early's draft in favor of W A Gamewell	1,000 00
By Bishop Paine's draft in favor of Rev W A McSwain	142 50
By Bishop Paine's draft in favor of Rev W P Mouzon	2,125 00
By Bishop Paine's draft in favor of Rev A M Chrietzberg	1,218 75
By Bishop Paine's draft in favor of Rev R J Boyd	1,018 75
By Bishop Paine's draft in favor of Rev F A Mood	598 75
By Bishop Paine's draft in favor of Rev S H Browne	560 00
By Bishop Paine's draft in favor of Rev J T Wightman	770 00
By paid Rev H A C Walker's draft	780 00
By paid Rev John Watts	163 00
By notes, orders and checks as cash	4,179 90
By cash on hand	6,307 35
Total	$24,463 54

South Carolina Conference Sunday School Society.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called "The South Carolina Conference Sunday School Society, Auxiliary to the Sunday School Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. II. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, and also a Board of Managers, consisting of the Presiding Elder and a layman from each Presiding Elder's district within the bounds of the Conference; seven of whom shall form a quorum.

ART. III. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, and in the absence of the President and both Vice-Presidents, the Society shall elect a President *pro tem.*

ART. IV. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all the proceedings of the Society.

ART. V. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse the funds of the Society as directed by the Board of Managers, and report the same at each annual meeting.

ART. VI. The Board of Managers shall meet annually, at the seat of the Annual Conference, on the Monday immediately preceding the Session, at nine o'clock, A. M. It shall be the duty of the Board to superintend the general interest, deliberate upon, and carry out the objects of the Sunday School cause, by encouraging the establishment of Sunday Schools, raising funds, procuring libraries, and devising the best methods of instruction; and also to make By-Laws for its own government.

ART. VII. The Officers of this Society shall be elected annually.

ART. VIII. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of fifty cents; and the contribution of $10 shall constitute membership for life.

ART. IX. This Constitution shall not be altered but by a vote of two-thirds, in an annual meeting, present and voting on the occasion.

ART. X. The Anniversary of the Society shall be held on the first Friday evening during the Session of the Conference.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

South Carolina Conference Sunday School Society.

The Board of Managers of the Sunday School Society of the South Carolina Conference beg leave to submit their second Annual Report:

It is a source of intense gratification to the members of this Board, as it must be to every philanthropic and Christian heart, that a general and decided interest has been awakened, not only within the limits of *our* immediate Conference district, but of the entire Southern Methodist Church, upon the importance and necessity of early religious instruction among the young. This, we think, is mainly attributable, under the Divine blessing, to the increased interest manifested by those who are earnestly and prayerfully laboring in the Master's vineyard.

It is not *now* left entirely to the minister, the faithful man of God, who ought not to be expected to do *all* of this momentous work, in addition to the heavy responsibility which, as a preacher of the word, is required of him. Pious and faithful men and women have in this work come up "to the help of the Lord against the mighty." The interest manifested has been awakened and largely increased by the benign influence exerted in the two annual Conventions, which met for the specific purpose of aiding in the cause of Sunday Schools within the borders of the South Carolina Conference. The first of these, held in the city of Columbia in May, 1859, was the inauguration of a new and splendid era in our Sunday School history. Its proceedings have been made matters of permanent record, and still serve to refresh and gladden the heart as "memory brings the light of other days." The second convocation, held in the town of Spartanburg, in May, of the present year, was not the less successful in its influence and effect upon all who enjoyed the pleasure of being present on that highly interesting and delightful occasion. If possible, it was even an improvement on the first; and, certainly, the most practical and irrefutable argument for their repetition. It is to be sincerely regretted, that the proceedings of that Convention have not been preserved in a more permanent and useful form. Let us hope that circumstances may transpire by which they may yet be printed and circulated among our people, and preserved among the cherished records of the Church. In reviewing the past two years immediately connected with the history of our present organization, we have much to encourage our hope and

strengthen our faith in this peculiar and privileged labor of love. What faithful man or woman of God has not felt it a

> "Delightful task young souls to win,
> And turn the rising race
> From the deceitful paths of sin
> To seek their Saviour's face."

Can there be a more important work than the careful and proper training of the young heart for usefulness here, and heaven hereafter?

It constituted an important office in the ministry of the Master, and when he commanded the repentant Peter to FEED HIS LAMBS, he enunciated as positive an injunction to his disciples, as when he said, GO PREACH MY WORD. Is it a task, brother, to work for Jesus? Is not every precious lamb of the flock worth saving—worth a jewelled crown in heaven?

But the work must not *all* be left for the minister and teacher to do. Home influence must bear a co-operative and important part in this great work, and if Methodist fathers and mothers desire to have their children grow up in their faith and become *Methodist* Christians, they must see to it that efficient *home training* and influences are brought to bear upon the young and susceptible hearts of their children. They must be taught *at home*, to love the Church and cherish its institutions.

The day of miracles is past, and the Sabbath Schools cannot be expected to do every thing unaided and alone. Christian people must give their prayers, their labors, *and their money*, for their support — Divinely sanctioned, and the recognized and legitimate nurseries of the Church, whence we must confidently look for the supply and increase of the harvest of converted and pious souls.

The Board, in their last annual Report, gave the gratifying intelligence that two hundred and thirty-one conversions had taken place among the children in the various Sabbath Schools connected with this Conference. It is a source of deep regret that we are not now able to give definite information upon this, of all others, most important point, but, from the unavoidable fact that the reports from the several stations, circuits and missions, during the past year, cannot be obtained in time for immediate use, we must be content to await their publication among the minutes of the present Conference.

Our last report relating to statistical information was necessarily hurried and imperfect.

The very admirable minutes of the last annual Conference exhibit in the tabular statement the gratifying facts that there were at that time connected with the Conference, four hundred and forty, in place of three hundred and eighty-one Sabbath Schools; two thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, in place

of two thousand five hundred and eleven officers and teachers; fifteen thousand nine hundred and ninety four, in place of eleven thousand three hundred and fifty-four white scholars; and eight thousand nine hundred and ninety-four, in place of five thousand four hundred and eighty-one colored scholars, making an aggregate of twenty-four thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, in place of sixteen thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, as previously announced.

The volumes in library should have been stated at forty thousand seven hundred and sixty-two, in place of thirty-seven thousand four hundred and ninety.

We have no means of ascertaining with certainty the amount raised for Sunday Schools and Missions during the past year, and must be content for the present with the hope that a corresponding improvement in the financial interests of our cause has taken place.

At our anniversary meeting, one year ago, in Greenville, $277 was raised by collection and donations, which was disposed of to the best possible advantage: one-fifth to Dr. Taylor, as agent of the Parent Society; and the balance to the eight Presiding Elders, for distribution in their respective districts.

From some of these we have the most gratifying results. In one instance, a brother states that the contribution of only *ten* dollars, judiciously applied, established in the mountain region of our State, a Sabbath School, followed by a Church, which is likely to accomplish much good in winning precious souls to Christ. This should encourage and strengthen our faith. Let us

> "Beside all waters sow,
> The highway furrows stock—
> Drop it where thousand thistles grow,
> Scatter it on the rock."

Let us hope that, upon the whole, our cause is gloriously progressing, for, as Methodists, *we* must advance; our policy is necessarily aggressive, and to remain stationary means retreat, and retrogression means defeat. Have we not the right to expect that our present anniversary collection will be largely above the last, that we may be enabled, under the Divine blessing, to do abundantly more in this interesting field of the Master's vineyard for the ensuing year.

> "To foster and mature the grain
> For garners in the sky—
> That when the final end,
> The day of God is come,
> The Angel reapers shall descend
> And heaven sing harvest home."

OFFICERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—Rev. N. Talley, President; Rev. T. R. Walsh, First Vice President; Rev. Wm. Martin, Second Vice President; Rev. J. A. Porter, Secretary; Rev. D. J. Simmons, Treasurer.

Managers.—L. Chapin, Thomas J. Warren, Dr. Charles Williams, H. A. Conner, Dr. W. Copeland, Donald Barton, Hon. G. Cannon, Rev. H. Asbury.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

D. J. Simmons in account with the Sunday School Society of the South Carolina Conference.

1860—Dec. 17.	DR.	
To Cash received from T. G. Herbert		$20 20
Collected at Columbia, Anniversary		55 60
J. T. Wightman to make Arthur C. Wightman a life member		10 00
S. Bobo to make Dr. C. Taylor a life member		10 00
Dr. C. Williams to make Mary L. Treadwell a life member		10 00
Rev. D. Dupre to make Dr. Taylor's daughter a life member		10 00
Lemmond & Hull to make Anna Townsend a life member		10 00
J. D. W. Crook to make his two children life members		20 00
Dr. Dogan		5 00
Samuel Leard		5 00
W. P. Mouzon and others, to make J. W. Kelly a life member		10 00
R. J. Boyd, annual subscription		50
Miss Carry Boyd, " "		50
C. H. Pritchard, " "		50
Jas. Stacy, " "		50
W. A. Gamewell, " "		1 00
John W. Kelly, " "		50
Total		$169 30

1860—Dec.	CR.	
By Cash paid Dr. C. Taylor		$33 86
W. P. Mouzon, Presiding Elder		16 93
R. J. Boyd, Presiding Elder		16 93
H. A. C. Walker, Presiding Elder		16 93
A. M. Chrietzberg, Presiding Elder		16 93
F. A. Mood, Presiding Elder		16 93
J. T. Wightman, Presiding Elder		16 93
W. A. McSwain, Presiding Elder		16 93
S. H. Browne, Presiding Elder		16 93
Total		$169 30

OFFICERS AND MANAGERS OF THE BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA AND FLORIDA CONFERENCES.—G. W. Williams, Esq., President; Robert Bryce, Esq., Treasurer; Rev. T. R. Walsh, Secretary.

Managers.—B. F. Evans, Esq., L. Chapin, Esq., Rev. H. A. C. Walker, Rev. W. P. Mouzon, Rev. R. J. Boyd.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The agency of the Church in the establishment of institutions for the public education of the young, has been recognized as of vital importance to her interests in every age of Christianity. We may, doubtless, attribute to the Apostles themselves and their injunctions to their disciples the erection of Academies, in which instruction was faithfully given in the different branches both of human learning and sacred erudition. St. John established such a school at Ephesus, and one of the same nature was founded by Polycarp, at Smyrna. St. Mark taught at Alexandria, followed by Pantænus, Clemens Alexandrinus, Origen, and a succession of learned Doctors, who rendered that institution famous for Christian philosophy and religious knowledge. Rome, Antioch, Cæsarea, Edessa and other places, also had their schools under Church supervision.

From the time of Constantine the Great (A. D. 306), the Christians applied themselves with more zeal and diligence to the study of philosophy and of the liberal arts, than they had formerly done, justly apprehending that the truth might suffer if the Christian youth, for want of proper masters and instructors of their own religion, should have recourse for their education to the schools of the Pagan philosophers and rhetoricians, and very properly supposing that to encourage a taste for the sciences, and to excite and maintain a spirit of literary emulation among the professors of Christianity by the establishment of schools, the erection of libraries, and by nobly recompensing men of learning and genius by the honors and advantages attached to the culture of the sciences and arts, were indispensably necessary to the successful abrogation of the ancient religion, maintained and supported as it was by the erudition and talents of the distinguished sages of paganism. Under the auspices of Charlemagne (A. D. 800), the greatest part of the Bishops erected Cathedral Schools (so called from their lying contiguous to the principal Church in each diocese), in which the youth received a learned and religious education. The zealous abbots also opened academies in their monasteries, in which the more learned of the fraternity gave instruction in the Latin language and other branches of learning suitable to the future destination of the young.

It was not, therefore, without good reason that one of the old divines (Thomas Bacon, A. D., 1564) said: "The fathers of Christ's Church, in times past, had a singular care and special study for the Christian younglings, that they might be brought up godly, virtuously, and in the knowledge of the laws of the Most High. Unto this end they gave money and lands to find both the school masters and the scholars, and erected and set up schools, that the lambs of Christ's flock might be fed in

pleasant pastures of the Holy Scriptures. By this means it came to pass that the children trained up in the law of God from their youth, became godly and virtuous, so that, as they grew up in age, so, likewise, they increased in godliness, knowledge, virtue and goodness; which thing would to God it were renewed in our schools, that our Christian youth might learn to know Christ from their tender age. So should vice decrease, virtue increase, and papistry soon come to an end, and true godliness take root, spring, grow up, bud, flourish, bring forth fruit, reign, rule, triumph, and early have the victory over all other doctrines. In accordance with this view, at the Reformation Christian Schools, Colleges and Universities, sprung up in Germany, Switzerland, France, Holland, England and Scotland, and from that time to the present, the different branches of the Church of Christ have made the continent of Christendom in favor of religious institutions of learning, universal, by formally enjoining, in their highest ecclesiastical assemblies, the inculcation of religion in schools and colleges, as an important part of Church policy. Indeed, the relation between religious education and the prosperity of the Church, is so intimate, that it is scarcely conceivable that the cause of religion should permanently flourish in the midst of an educational system that did not give prominence to the truth of God, upon which the well-being of society rests. Such has been the necessary influence of a mere intellectual development of the powers of man, that the sentiment is gaining general prevalence that education, if not religious, is a curse to any society. "Religious and moral education," says Cousin, "is the first want of a people. Without this, every other education is not only without real utility, but in some respects dangerous. If, on the contrary, religious education has taken firm root, intellectual education will have complete success, and ought on no account to be withheld from the people, since God has endowed them with all the faculties of acquiring it, and since the cultivation of all the powers of man secures to him the means of reaching perfection, and through that supreme happiness."

Guizot has also said, "There is one thing that demands our zeal above all others. I mean moral and religious instruction." You know that virtue is not "always the concomitant of knowledge, and that the lessons which children receive may become pernicious, if addressed only to the understanding."

Napoleon is reported on one occasion to have declared: "No society can exist without morals, and there can be no sound morals without religion. Hence there is no firm or durable bulwark for a State but what religion constructs; let, therefore, every school throughout the land assume the precepts of religion as the basis of instruction. Experience has torn the veil from our eyes."

Dr. Reese says: "Without the inculcation of that system of

morality which the Bible reveals, the mere instruction in letters will prove a curse rather than a blessing;" and Dr. Canning well exclaims: "The exaltation of talent, as it is called, above virtue and religion is the curse of the age. Talent is worshiped, but if divorced from rectitude it will prove more a demon than a God." For, in the language of another gifted writer, "Better that men should remain in ignorance than that they should eat of the tree of knowledge only to be made more subtle and powerful adversaries of God and humanity."

Public education is in its nature adapted to the inculcation of religion, thus proved to be essential to constitute it a blessing, and not a curse. Its precepts are analogous to those of private education, being merely extended on a higher scale, and removed to a different sphere. The same principles and aims govern, whether instruction be given at home, in the academy or in the college. These public institutions have opportunities to exercise a religious influence of a very decided character. The two great conditions required are, first, religious teachers, and, secondly, religious teaching. There can be no such thing as adequate religious instruction without religious teachers; and religious teachers, without the privilege of giving definite religious instruction, labor under serious disadvantages. They may, by their spirit, their example, and their incidental allusions, be highly influential in recommending religion to their pupils; but to maintain that definite religious instruction is of no use in public institutions, is to exalt Christian example at the expense of Christian truth, or rather to dishonor the latter in comparison with the former. Both must be combined, and the truth of God must be taught in connection with secular learning by God-fearing men. Under such conditions, literary institutions are hopeful places for the nurture of our youth in knowledge, both secular and divine.

The South Carolina Conference is anxiously laboring for that perfection of her educational system by which the wants of the people who wait on her ministry shall be fully and completely met. That system consists, at present, of Wofford College, designed to impart such higher instruction as is given in the first class male colleges of our country; the Cokesbury Institute, which, in addition to its relation as the principal preparatory school to Wofford, is also adapted to give instruction to such classes of students as from inability or want of disposition are not inclined to take a regular college course, and such other schools as either in the persons of their principals or patrons are disposed to favor the cause of Christian education; and for the education of the daughters of the Church, the Columbia Female College, the Spartanburg Female College, the Carolina Female College, and the Davenport Female College, which are adapted to give the highest instruc-

tion common to such institutions, and are also provided, each, with efficient preparatory departments.

We append the following brief accounts of the progress of these several institutions during the year now closing, and also of their present condition.

1. Wofford College commenced its seventh scholastic year on the first day of October last, with a larger number of students than were in attendance at the close of the last term. The progress in studies as exhibited in the daily recitations in the several departments of instruction, and in the annual and semi-annual examination of the classes, has been, with few exceptions, satisfactory to the Faculty. The instruction has been characterized by good order and regularity in attendance upon all college duties, whilst the spirit of subordination among the young men, disposing them to yield a ready and cheerful obedience to all needful regulations, is deserving of special commendation. The religious aspects of the college are most gratifying. About three-fourths of the students are members of the Church, and, by their regular attendance upon the ordinances of God, evidence their desire to grow in divine knowledge as well as human. The labors of the several officers of the institution have been unprecedented in colleges of equal grade, and the zeal and fidelity with which they have discharged their respective duties, deserve a grateful recognition. The college is in as healthy a condition as at any period of its history, and as wide a field of usefulness lies before it as can be claimed for any institution of the Southern Church. For the more efficient occupancy of this field, it is of the utmost importance for the Conference to carry to a successful consummation the liberal endowment voted at their last annual session. From the liberal spirit manifested in relation to the college by many noble hearted Christians, as reported by the agent, the hope is indulged that, by the active co-operation of the members of the Conference, this noble object will be speedily accomplished.

2. The Faculty is composed of the Rev. A. M. Shipp, D. D., President, and Professor of Mental and Moral Science; David Duncan, A. M., Professor of Ancient Languages and Literature; Rev. Whitefoord Smith, D. D., Professor of English Literature; James H. Carlisle, A. M., Professor of Mathematics; Warren Du Pre, A. M., Prof. of Natural Science.

COKESBURY SCHOOL.

This School during the past year has been highly prosperous, increasing the number of its patrons and friends. The number of students during the year, amounted to one hundred and ten, and it is believed that, by proper efforts, the number could be raised to two hundred. The institution boards and educates, free of charge, eight sons of members of Conference, and asks

no tuition fees from the sons of itinerant preachers. The number of such beneficiaries during the past year has been twenty-seven.

The Rev. J. W. Wightman, who has been connected with the school for eight years, has resigned his position as Classical Teacher, and requested an immediate release, with the view of entering the regular itinerant work. The Rector has been empowered to fill, temporarily, the vacancy, until the meeting of the Board of Trustees in July next, when his successor will be elected. Certain improvements are deemed necessary for the Buildings and Campus, and it is pleasing to record, that the people of Cokesbury are willing to do their full share in this noble and much needed work, and that they have already subscribed a very fair proportion of the amount necessary to make old Cokesbury once again thoroughly furnished and equipped for every good work.

DAVENPORT FEMALE COLLEGE.

The exercises of this institution have proceeded without interruption, in accordance with the published plan for the academic year. The closing exercises of the session, in April last, were witnessed by a large assemblage of patrons and friends, and afforded the highest degree of satisfaction. The number of students in attendance at present is eighty-eight—a larger proportion than usual being boarders in the institution. The health of the students has generally been good, while good order and contentment have prevailed in a remarkable degree. A gracious revival of religion has recently been experienced in the Church at Lenoir, in which almost all of the students made a profession of religion, and all of them were brought under the blessed influence of God's Spirit. The Trustees earnestly request that their esteemed President, Rev. H. M. Mood, may be continued in his present position, believing that the interests of the College require his continued care and supervision, which have so largely contributed to its present prosperous and encouraging condition.

The Faculty is constituted as follows: Rev. H. M. Mood, A. M., President, and Professor of Mental and Moral Science and English Literature; Rev. H. A. Bass, A. B., Mathematics and Ancient Languages; Mrs. Laura A. Mood, Superintendent of Domestic and Social Duties; Mrs. Harris, Instructress in Music; Miss Sarah T. Rankin, Ornamental Branches; Mrs. C. A. Wilbur, English Branches; A. A. Scroggs, M. D., Lecturer on Physiology and Hygiene.

Visiting Committee.—Rev. H. H. Durant, Commencement Sermon; Rev. F. M. Kennedy, Commencement Address; Rev. E. J. Meynardie, Address before the Cliosophic Society.

COLUMBIA FEMALE COLLEGE.

The Trustees of this Institution tender their congratulations to the Conference and the public, on the success which, under the blessing of heaven, has so abundantly crowned their efforts, and more than realized their most sanguine expectations. The Rev. Wm. Martin was called to the Presidency in the month of February, who, though foreseeing and fully understanding all the difficulties he would have to face, waived all his feelings of personal comfort, and promptly entered upon the duties of his office. His administration has been marked with success, and seconded as he has been by a most able and excellent corps of teachers, and especially by that mother of teachers, Mrs. Martin, whose energies seemed rejuvenated by the emergency which thus demanded their exercise—the career of the College could not have been otherwise than prosperous, and the Trustees express the conviction, that they would be untrue to their own feelings, were they to fail to give utterance to a most hearty "well done" both to him and them. The number of students is one hundred and sixty, among whom there has been neither serious sickness nor death. The financial condition of the institution is not embarrassing. Its present indebtedness is $16,734 67; to meet which, the agent reports, after a careful analysis, available subscriptions to the amount of $12,605, leaving a deficit of $4,129 67, for which some provision must be made as soon as the financial difficulties of the country will allow the use of the proper means. The Faculty is composed of the following members, viz:

Rev. W. Martin, President; Rev. T. E. Wannamaker, Professor in Literary Department; Mrs. M. Martin, Instructress; Mrs. F. Gamewell; Miss M. C. Pelot; Miss L. H. Jones; Mons. D'Ovilliers, Professor of French, Drawing, and Painting; W. H. Orchard, Professor in Music; S. Schiller, Professor in Music; Miss H. Craig, Instructress in Music; Miss Jones; Miss Orchard; Mrs. M. E. Brady, Instructress in Fancy Work; Mrs. D'Ovilliers, Instructress in Italian, German, and Vocal Music; J. B. Black, Steward; Mrs. E. A. Black, Matron.

SPARTANBURG FEMALE COLLEGE.

The scholastic year in this institution opened more prosperously than at any former period of its history. Already one hundred and twenty-seven pupils have been enrolled, and the Faculty are authorized to expect the number to be increased to one hundred and fifty, in February next. By the prompt action of the Trustees, and the liberality of the friends of the college, between seven and eight thousand dollars have been subscribed for the erection of new buildings, to repair the loss sustained by fire in April last. A two-story building, 70x33

feet, with kitchen attached, has been completed, and is now in use; a contract in part has been made for a spacious and imposing edifice, which is to be the centre of the group, 70x60 feet, three stories high, with all the modern improvements of utility and taste. The Trustees, however, in view of an existing debt, have determined not to prosecute the work until the amount necessary is secured; and an earnest appeal is, therefore, made to the liberality of the public in behalf of this most desirable object. The Faculty has been increased and strengthened, a valuable Chemical and Philosophical Apparatus provided, and, through the fostering care of the Conference, and the generous co-operation of friends, at home and abroad, the Trustees are determined to make this institution second to none in the land, and one of which the Church and the friends of literatare may justly be proud. The Faculty consists of Wm. R. Blake, A. M., President; Charles Petty, A. B., Resident Professor; E. Falk, Esq., Professor of Music; Mrs. E. Falk and Miss Laura L. Logan, Assistant Music Teachers; Miss Martha McGlathery, French, Drawing and Painting; Miss Mary C. Baker, Ornamental Department; Mrs. C. Y. Baker, Assistant in Literary Department.

CAROLINA FEMALE COLLEGE.

The Agent, Rev. W. C. Power, has secured subscriptions to the amount of about $8,000, to meet the indebtedness of the College.

Whereas, the sudden and unexpected suspension of the exercises of the Carolina Female College, and the extreme pressure iu money matters, has rendered it, in the judgment of this Conference, inexpedient to revive the exercises of the College the present year, nevertheless,

1. *Resolved*, That we accept the offer of the Trustees of Carolina Female College, viz: the transfer of the College to this Confereuce for the sum of indebtedness, about *sixteen thousand dollars*, to be collected by an agent appointed by this Conference. The College, after transfer, shall sustain the same relation to the Conferance which now prevails with our other Conference institutions of learning.

2. *Resolved*, That we heartily commend the Agent, Rev. W. C. Power (whom we hereby request the presiding Bishop to so appoint), to the liberality of our Church and friends.

In conclusion, the Committee beg to offer for adoption by the Conference, the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, 1. That the South Carolina Conference regards with feelings of peculiar pleasure, the advanced position which, in the providence of God, she is called to occupy on the vitally important subject of education.

Resolved, 2. That as a body we will use our best endeavors

and most active exertions to promote the interests which have been set on foot, recommending them in all our pastoral intercourse, obtaining for them as many students as possible, and co operating in raising such endowment funds as have been voted by the Conference.

Resolved, 3. That the Board of Trustees for Columbia Female College and Spartanburg Female College be re-elected, and that a Committee of Three be appointed to report Trustees for the several Literary Institutions under the auspices of the South Carolina Conference, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Conference, forbidding members of Conference serving on more than one Board at the same time.

W. A. Gamewell, C. Betts and H. A. C. Walker are suggested for the Committee of Three.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

Wofford College.—N. Talley, Bond English, R. J. Boyd, Gov. W. H. Gist, Dr. J. P. Zimmerman and J. M. Lawton, Sr.

Cokesbury School.—S. Leard, W. P. Mouzon and W. H. Fleming.

Columbia Female College.—J. Stacy, C. H. Pritchard and F. A. Mood.

Spartanburg Female College.—A. M. Chrietzberg, H. C. Parsons and J. T. Wightman.

Davenport Female College.—H. H. Durant, F. M. Kennedy and E. J. Meynardie.

TRUSTEES.

Wofford College.—H. A. C. Walker, Chairman; W. A. Gamewell, A. M. Shipp, W. A. McSwain, C. Betts, J. R. Pickett, H. H. Durant, S. Bobo, Dr. W. J. T. Miller, Harvey Wofford, Dr. J. H. Dogan, George W. Williams, Robert Bryce.

Cokesbury Institute.—N. Talley, Chairman; W. A. McSwain, H. A. C. Walker, W. A. Gamewell, H. H. Durant, R. J. Boyd, S. Leard, General G. W. Hodges, Charles Smith, H. A. Jones, F. A. Connor, Secretaries.

Spartanburg Female College.—S. Bobo, Chairman; W. A. Gamewell, H. H. Durant, W. A. McSwain, H. A. C. Walker, J. R. Pickett, A. W. Walker, Professor W. Du Pre, T. O. P. Vernon, A. H. Kirby, J. H. Wilson, J. P. Smith.

Davenport Female College.—J. W. Kelly, A. M. Shipp, P. F. Kistler, James S. Ervin, A. McCorquodale, Presiding Elder of Lincolnton District, and Preacher in charge of Lenoir Cir-

cuit, with Jno. Rutherford, Colonel James C. Harper, Edward W. Jones, L. P. Dula.

Columbia Female College.—Revs. N. Talley, W. Martin, W. Crook, W. A. Gamewell, R. J. Boyd, S. Leard, J. Stacy, C. Murchison, H. C. Parsons, C. H. Pritchard, S. Townsend, W. H. Fleming, J. T. Wightman and Andrew Wallace, Robert Bryce, Dr. John W. Parker, Hon. E. J. Arthur, Hon. J. S. Preston, Dr. A. N. Talley, Hon. James D. Tradewell, W. W. Walker, Dr. J. H. Boatwright, Colonel William Wallace, S. Olin Talley, R. D. Senn, A. F. Dubard.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Church Extension.—J. Stacy, W. A. McSwain, C. Betts, W. A. Gamewell, S. H. Browne.

Mission Committee.—H. A. C. Walker, J. Stacy, R. J. Boyd, C. Betts, N. Talley, H. C. Parsons.

COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE THE CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL AND THE CLASSES ON THE COURSE OF STUDY FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

To Examine the Candidates.—H. A. C. Walker, *Chairman;* Samuel Leard, Cornelius McLeod.

First Year.—W. H. Fleming, *Chairman;* J. A. Mood, C. H. Pritchard, R. P. Franks.

Second Year.—F. M. Kennedy, *Chairman;* A. G. Stacy, J. W. North, Miles Puckett.

Third Year.—C. Murchison, *Chairman;* J. T. Wightman, D. J. Simmons, J. A. Porter.

Fourth Year.—J. Stacy, *Chairman;* J. W. Miller, A. H. Lester, E. J. Meynardie.

COURSE OF STUDY.

First Year.—The Bible: historical and biographical parts, with reference to Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary, enlarged, with new Biblical Atlas, and Preacher's Text Book. Wesley's Sermons, Vol. I. Discipline. Hymn Book. Clarke's Preacher's Manual. Watson's Institutes, Part III. Theological Compend. English Grammar. Composition.

Second Year.—The Bible: as to the Institutions of Christianity, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above. Wes-

ley's Sermons, Vol. II. Discipline, with reference to Henkle's Analysis. Hymn Book. Smith's Elements of Divinity. Watson's Institutes, Part IV. Watson's Life of Wesley, and Observations on Southey. Essay or Sermon, with reference to Quackenboss' Advanced Course of Composition and Rhetoric.

Third Year.—The Bible: as to Doctrines, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above. Wesley's Sermons, Vol. III. Discipline. Hymn Book. Watson's Institutes, Part II. Whately's Rhetoric. Essay or Sermon, with reference to Vinet's Pastoral Theology.

Fourth Year.—The Bible, generally, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above. Wesley's Sermons, Vol. IV. Discipline. Hymn Book. Rivers' Elements of Moral Philosophy. Watson's Institutes, Part I. Powell on Succession. Ruter's Church History. Whately's Logic. Essay or Sermon.

LEGAL CONFERENCE.

The Incorporated Conference held its annual session on Monday afternoon, Dr. W. Smith in the chair. The Board of Managers offered their Annual Report, which was adopted. The Treasurer's Report was also received. The various funds of the Conference have yielded their customary income, and distributions were made from the Superannuated Ministers' Fund—the Fund of special relief—and the Educational Fund, of such small amounts as the condition of the trusts allowed. On motion, the Treasurer was requested to negotiate with the President of the Columbia and Greenville Railroad for a Clergy Ticket.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Dr. W. Smith, President; H. A. C. Walker, 1st Vice President; A. M. Shipp, 2d Vice President; W. Martin, 3d Vice President; H. A. C. Parsons, 4th Vice President; W. A. Gamewell, Secretary.

Managers.—A. Wallace, R. Bryce, S. Bobo, G. W. Williams, J. D. Tradewell.

All the young preachers of the Conference eligible were elected to membership in the incorporate body.

On motion, the Legal Conference adjourned.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

FINANCIAL PLAN.

1. It shall be the duty of the Board, after ascertaining the whole amount of claim against them, annually to apportion the same to the several circuits and stations in the Conference

District, and each preacher having charge of a circuit or station, shall furnish his successor with the amount apportioned to his charge.

2. Each preacher shall make all necessary effort to collect the money apportioned to his charge by the Board.

3. The preacher in charge of each circuit, shall (at the close of the Conference year) fix the first appointment for his successor, at the church nearest the parsonage, or place of boarding; and shall allow him, thereafter, at least one week, to arrange for the year; during which time (the day to be fixed the preceding year by the preacher and stewards) the stewards shall hold the first meeting at the parsonage or place of boarding, at which it shall be the duty of each steward to attend.

4. Each Board of Stewards, respectively, shall ascertain the whole claim against the circuit for the current year, both for quarterage and travelling expenses, as definitely as possible; and they shall then make an estimate of the family expenses of the preacher or preachers, of the circuit, including servants' hire and house rent (if a house is to be rented), and the entire claim against the circuit for the current year, shall be apportioned to the several congregations composing the circuit, forthwith; each congregation to be notified immediately of the amount it is expected to collect.

5. The stewards shall divide the congregations composing the circuit among themselves, and shall make all necessary efforts to collect the amounts apportioned to them.

6. It shall be the duty of the stewards to open subscription books in each congregation, to meet the current claim; and they shall also cause public collections to be taken up, if they deem it necessary, for the same purpose.

7. The stewards shall settle with the preachers quarterly, and to this end the subscriptions shall be taken in quarterly instalments.

8. The Conference collections for the support of our superannuated preachers, widows, and orphans of preachers, and to meet the claims of preachers deficient in quarterage, shall be taken up in each congregation, as early in the year as practicable.

9. The Board of District Stewards shall be a Standing Board for four years; *provided, nevertheless*, that should any vacancy occur in the Board, such vacancy shall be supplied by the Quarterly Conference; and each district steward shall be charged with collecting the amount apportioned for the Presiding Elder, to the circuit or station where he resides.

10. The Board of District Stewards shall be charged with the work of supplying the district parsonage with suitable furniture, and shall be authorized to take up collections for this object, in their respective charges.

11. Each member of the Joint Board, and more especially

the Chairman thereof, shall feel it his duty to be active in endeavoring to improve the financial condition of the Church, by correspondence with the stewards of the several charges, by public addresses to the Church, at suitable times, or in any other way he may deem best.

12. The Circuit Stewards shall make arrangements early in the year, if they deem it necessary, to receive from the congregations assigned to them, such provisions as they may be able to give, for the support of the preacher's family, which shall be delivered at the parsonage, at market prices, and shall be placed to the credit of the church sending it, as family expenses.

13. The Board of Stewards, on their respective charges, are requested to co-operate with the ministers laboring among them, in securing the amount the charge has been requested to collect as Conference collection, by private applications to our wealthier members, and, if necessary, by public collections in their respective congregations.

14. The respective Boards of Stewards shall have authority to retain any surplus Conference collections, to meet the deficiencies, if any, in the current expenses in the charge where it is collected.

15. The missionaries are requested to solicit donations for the benefit of the superannuated preachers, widows, and orphans of preachers, together with deficient effective preachers of the Conference, from the white membership of the church under their care.

16. The Presiding Elders shall constitute a Standing Committee to ascertain the names of claimants, and the amount of claim each has upon the funds managed by the Board, which information shall be placed in the hands of some member of the Board, during the first or second day of the session of the Conference, annually.

17. Whenever an effective claimant receives on his work an amount equal to his quarterage, he shall have no claim on the funds of this Board.

18. We recommend all our circuits and stations to publish, from year to year, in one or more of the papers published in the district or county, the names of the stewards of each circuit and station for the current year.

Joint Board of Finance.—J. Stacy, Chairman; S. B. Jones, Secretary and Treasurer; S. Leard, W. Martin, C. Murchison, J. W. North, D. J. Simmons, and C. McLeod, of the clergy; and S. Olin Talley, Columbia, S. C.; Jos. P. Smith, Spartanburg, S. C.; George W. Williams, Charleston; S. M. Stevenson, Marion, S. C.; Dr. J. H. Dogan, Union, S. C.; Dr. W. J. T. Miller, Shelby, N. C., of the laity.

The Board, with the concurrence of the Conference, ordered the following

ASSESSMENTS FOR CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS FOR 1861.

Cumberland, $85. Trinity, $125. Bethel, $125. Spring street, $50. Walterboro', $100. Bamberg, $85. Allendale, $85. Black Swamp, $165. Bluffton mission, $30. Orangeburg, $175. Cypress, $150. Cooper River, $75. St. George's, $100. Blackville, $100. Barnwell, $40. Aiken and Graniteville, $40. Lexington, $60. Marion station, $75. Marion circuit, $100. Georgetown, $80. Conwayboro', $50. Darlington station, $50. Lynchburg, $50. Lynch's Creek, $50. Darlington circuit, $85. Brownsville, $85. Williamsburg, $85. Columbia: Washington street, $175; Marion street, $75. Richland Fork, $25. Fairfield, $100. Chester, $40. Rocky Mount, $80. Richland circuit, $50. Camden, $75. Sumter station, $75. Sumter circuit, $175. Santee, $100. Sandy River mission, $25. Cokesbury, $125. Abbeville, $100. Edgefield, $50. Butler, $30. Newberry station, $30. Newberry circuit, $125. Ninety Six, $75. Saluda River, $25. Rocky Pond, $25. Laurens, $100. Anderson, $25. Pendleton, $25. Williamston, $25. Pickens, $25. Wadesboro' circuit, $60. Wadesboro' station, $75. Albemarle, $25. Concord, $30. Ansonville, $40. Monroe, $50. Lancaster, $60. Chesterfield, $25. Cheraw, $75. Bennettsville, $150. Lincolnton, $50. Dallas, $25. Yorkville station, $30. Rock Hill, $50. Pineville, $50. Charlotte station, $35. Charlotte circuit, $50. Catawba, $50. South Mountain mission, $25. Lenoir, $40. John's River mission, $25. Morganton, $50. Shelby, $50. Spartanburg station, $100. Spartanburg circuit, $30. Rutherfordton, $40. McDowell, $25. Pickensville, $25. Greenville station, $30. Greenville circuit, $50. Union, $130. Goshen Hill, $75. Pacolet, $35. Broad River mission, $25. Keowee mission, $25. Columbus mission, $25.

Bishop's Fund.—Charleston District, $100. Orangeburg District, $100. Columbia District, $100. Marion District, $100. Cokesberry District, $100. Wadesboro' District, $50. Lincolnton District, $50. Spartanburg District, $50.

Historical Society of the South Carolina Conference.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be denominated "The Historical Society of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to collect and preserve information in connection with the rise and progress of Methodism within the bounds of the South Carolina Annual Conference and elsewhere; likewise objects of curiosity and interest in the form of manuscripts, books, pamphlets, medals, portraits, etc., etc., and anything that may shed light upon this interesting subject.

ART. III. The property of this Association shall be deposited at Wofford College, and each article numbered and labelled legibly with the name of the Association, the name of the donor, and date at which it was presented; the number, etc., to correspond with a like entry upon a register kept for that purpose.

ART. IV. All the property of the Association shall be open to the inspection of the members of the Society and others, under such restrictions and regulations as may be adopted by the Board of Curators; and in no case, shall any article of any kind be removed from the Museum or Depository; which Depository shall contain, under the same restrictions and regulations, for the benefit of the members, a Library, as rapidly formed as circumstances may admit.

ART. V. The interests of the Society shall be under the supervision of a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Recording and Corresponding Secretary, three Curators, and a Board of nine Managers; the said officers to be elected annually, and continue in office until their successors be appointed.

ART. VI. The Officers and Managers shall meet annually at the seat of the Conference session. Five shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business—the Curators being, *ex officio*, members of the Board. The Society shall meet annually, during the Conference session, for the purpose of hearing a lecture, electing officers, and attending to any other necessary business. The times and places of the meeting of the Board and Society shall be made known by the President of the Association.

ART. VII. An initiation fee of *Fifty Cents*, and an annual contribution of *Fifty Cents*, shall constitute a member for one year; *Ten Dollars*, a life member; and donations of value shall constitute the donor an honorary member.

Art. VIII. The Board of Managers shall have charge of the interests of the Society, and the Curators during the intervals of the meeting of said Board; the remaining officers shall perform the duties usually appertaining to such officers.

Art. IX. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Society by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; *provided*, such alterations have been previously approved by the Board of Managers.

Historical Society of the South Carolina Conference.

Annual Meeting, held in Columbia, December 18th, 1860.

At the close of the Afternoon Session of the Conference, the President and first Vice-President being absent, the Rev. A. M. Shipp, D. D., the second Vice-President, called the meeting to order, A. G. Stacy, acting as Secretary *pro tempore*.

The Treasurer, the Rev. F. Milton Kennedy, reported $264 75 as the amount of cash on hand. The report was adopted.

The following valuable contributions were made to the Society, to be placed by the Curator in the room provided as a Repository for the property of the Association, in Wofford College, viz:

1. The Pocket Compass used by the Rev. Daniel Asbury; presented through the Rev. W. A. Gamewell.

2. Bound volumes of the *Christian Advocate and Journal;* presented by Dr. D. R. Dunlap, through the Rev. J. W. Miller.

3. The MS. Address of Bishop Asbury to the General Conference of 1816, written by the Bishop while on his way to attend the meeting of that body, but which never reached the seat of the Conference. This valuable document came from the hands of the Rev. J. B. Anthony, by the Rev. J. W. Kelly.

The Secretary was, on motion, instructed to return the hearty thanks of the Society to the generous donors of these interesting memorials of the past.

On motion of the Rev J. T. Wightman, Dr. A. M. Shipp was requested to examine the MS. Address of Bishop Asbury, and to furnish it for publication in the *Southern Christian Advocate*, provided he shall think proper to do so.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That each Preacher in the Conference is requested to have his likeness taken, at his own expense, as a contribution to the Society—the likeness so furnished to be labeled by the Curator, and placed in the Society's Repository.

The Rev. J. T. Wightman stated as information that he had lately procured a tolerably full sketch of the life of the venerable George Dougherty, from an old lady who still survives, which, with the aid of other individuals, will enable him (Wightman) to furnish a satisfactory account of the life and labors of that great and good man.

On motion of J. W. Kelly, the thanks of the Society were returned to Brothers Talley, Derrick, Crook, and others, for interesting reminiscences, and they and all the elder preachers were requested to favor the Society and the public with the valuable knowledge of former days, which is in their possession.

On motion, the Curators were requested to have the room which has been appropriated to the Society put in order, all the articles deposited there to be neatly arranged and carefully preserved.

Dr. Shipp called the especial attention of the Society to the following item in the published proceedings of the last annual meeting, viz.: "The Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee to assist Dr. Shipp in collecting all proper information, to be forwarded to him sometime previous to the first of July, 1860." Dr. Shipp stated that no such aid had yet been received, and that he earnestly desired to enlist the Presiding Elders in this good work. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

W. A. Gamewell, President; N. Talley, First Vice-President; A. M. Shipp, Second Vice-President; R. J. Boyd, Third Vice-President; A. G. Stacy, Recording Secretary; F. A. Mood, Corresponding Secretary; F. M. Kennedy, Treasurer.

Curators.—Robert Bryce, Simpson Bobo, and James H. Carlisle.

Managers.—T. R. Walsh, James Stacy, J. T. Wightman, W. Martin, W. Crook, W. A. McSwain, B. English, J. W. Kelly, and O. A. Darby.

On motion, Dr. A. M. Shipp was appointed to deliver the lecture at the next annual meeting.

The Society then adjourned with the benediction.

A. G. STACY, *Recording Secretary.*

RESOLUTIONS.

STATISTICS.

Resolved, That the preachers, in making out their statistics for the ensuing ecclesiastical year, report the number of persons baptized, both adults and children; also the number of Sabbath School children converted in their respective charges.

WASHINGTON CITY CHURCH.

Resolved, That we heartily approve the enterprize of brother Wm. P. Smithson, and his associates, for the Washington City Church, and will exert ourselves to promote the sale of the Methodist Pulpit, South, and the great Engraving of the last

General Conference, for the object specified; thus testifying, in the most substantial manner, our cordial sympathy with the undertaking.

FASTING AND PRAYER.

Resolved, That, with profound thanksgiving to Almighty God, we acknowledge His gracious providence in bringing into the travelling connection a full supply of efficient young men for the work of the present year, and that we still invoke the Holy Spirit to call, equip and send forth "able ministers" into the field of our Zion.

Resolved, That the first Friday in April and in September next, be observed as days of fasting and prayer to Almighty God for a general revival of religion within the bounds of the Conference, for his blessings on our literary institutions and the various enterprises of the Church, and that our people be requested to assemble on those days at their respective places of worship.

REPORT OF BOOK COMMITTEE.

Resolved, That the report of the Book Committee, and the report from the Publishing House at Nashville, be referred to a Committee consisting of three preachers of this Conference, and three laymen, to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop, who shall report in full to this Conference at its next session.

Committee.—H. A. C. Walker, Dr. A. M. Shipp, W. A. Gamewell, Robert Bryce, Geo. W. Williams and B. F. Evans.

TIME OF CONFERENCE MEETING.

Resolved, That we hereby respectfully request the College of Bishops to appoint the South Carolina Conference to commence on Thursday, whenever this arrangement may be consistent with the convenience of the Bishops who may preside at our annual sessions.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary to transmit this resolution to the Bishops at their next annual meeting.

Resolved, That the resolution on our journal, which requires the Committees of Examination to meet on Monday morning previous to the Conference Session, is hereby rescinded, and that Tuesday is hereby substituted for Monday, whenever the Conference commences on Thursday.

EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY.

Resolved, That this Conference has heard with great pleasure the address of Dr. Means, and that we will use our best efforts

for the circulation of the *Educational Monthly and Family Journal.*

Resolved, That the visit of Dr. Means to our Conference has afforded us unspeakable pleasure, and that we most earnestly and affectionately invite him to re-visit us whenever it is in his power to do so.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

Resolved, That the Sermon preached last evening before the Junior Preachers of this Conference, by Rev. W. H. Fleming, be requested for publication.

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference, that the interests of the cause of Missions would be advanced by the discontinuance of anniversary collections at our annual sessions.

PUBLISHING HOUSE.

Resolved, That we will still adhere to the good Methodist custom of circulating the books of our own publication.

Resolved, That we will use our most earnest efforts to extend the circulation of our valuable periodicals.

Resolved, That while we are gratified with the present financial prosperity of the *Southern Christian Advocate,* we pledge ourselves to renewed efforts to secure a still larger patronage.

DEATH OF MRS. CAPERS.

Whereas, this Conference has learned that the widow of our late beloved Bishop Capers has been recently removed from among us, and we cherish with the highest satisfaction the remembrance of the Christian virtues of our honored sister, who so long sustained and comforted her honored husband in the discharge of the high duties committed to him by the Church, therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference sincerely sympathize with the bereaved children and family of our beloved Bishop Capers in their great loss, while we are comforted by the thought that their loss is her gain.

RUTHERFORD ACADEMY.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of Lincolnton District, the preacher in charge of the Charlotte Station, the President of Davenport Female College, and the preachers in charge of the Catawba and Lenoir Circuits, be appointed a commission

to take into consideration the application of the Board of Trustees of Rutherford Academy, and report at the next session of this Conference.

THE COMMITTEE

To examine candidates for admission into the South Carolina Conference, have adopted the following studies, to which it is earnestly desired that the Presiding Elders and Preachers in charge will direct the applicants, viz:

History of the Bible. Texts—"Clavis Biblica," "Bible in many Tongues," and "Our English Bible." Logic—Hedge's. Rhetoric—Blair's Lectures, abridged. Geography—Biblical and Modern. English Grammar. "Doctrines and Discipline."

H. A. C. WALKER, *Chairman.*